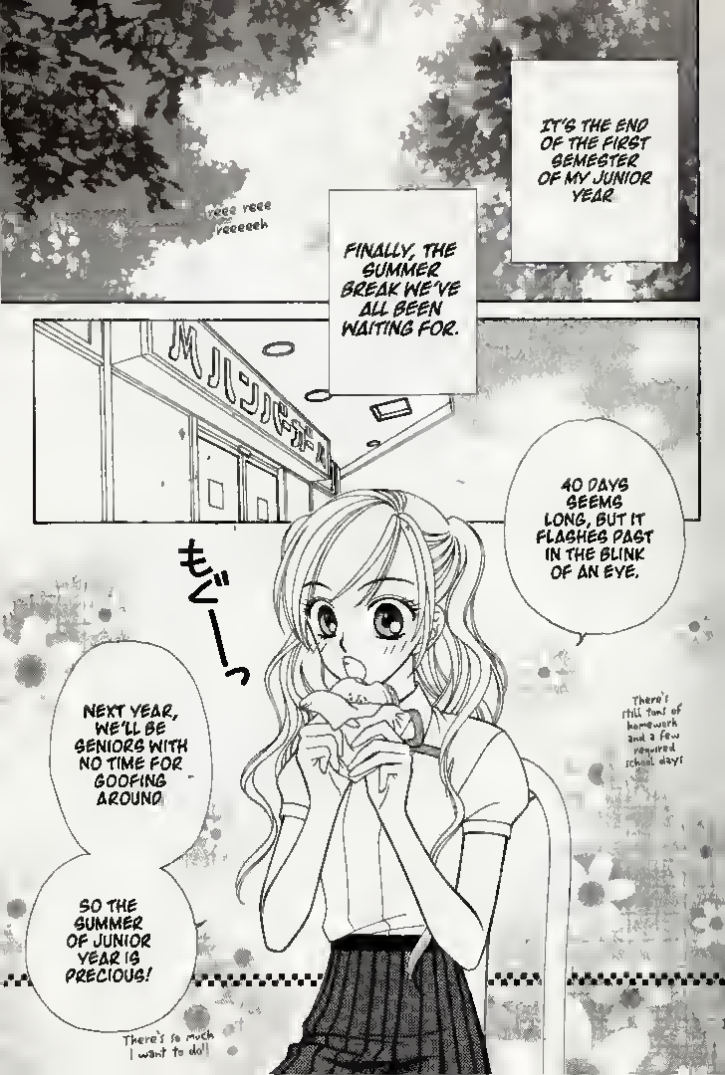
VELVET BLUE ROSE

FOR TREASURED CUSTOMERS LOOKING
FORWARD TO THEIR WEDDING ..

...IT IS A MAGIC SPELL TO MAKE DREAMS COME TRUE.


IT'S THE END OF THE FIRST SEMESTER OF MY JUNIOR YEAR
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FINALLY, THE SUMMER BREAK WE'VE ALL BEEN WAITING FOR.
40 DAYS SEEMS LONG, BUT IT FLASHES PAST IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE.
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There's still tons of homework and a few required school days!
NEXT YEAR, WE'LL BE SENIORS WITH NO TIME FOR GOOFING AROUND
SO THE SUMMER OF JUNIOR YEAR IS PRECIOUS!
There's so much I want to do!!

Woo-hoo!
IT'LL BE THE MOST PRODUCTIVE SUMMER EVER!
40 DAYS OF GRUELING LABOR! IT'S MAGIC TIME, BABY!
WORK-AHOLIC?
HEH!
GOODNESS, YOU'RE PEPPY TODAY, AGEHA
"YOUR WAY OF THINKING FITS PERFECTLY WITH OUR SHOP."
"THE WAY YOU SAID THE CUSTOMERS WOULD LIKE IT ..HOW YOU WORK HARD TO BE CONSIDERATE OF THEM .."
AW MAN...
I'M SO EXCITED, IT'S BEYOND RIDICULOUS!
♪
ARISAKA-SAN, YOU HAVE NO IDEA WHAT HEARING THAT MEANT TO ME
Blush!
Y'KNOW..

FRIENDLY HIGH SCHOOL BUDDIES.
SHIZUYA-KUN, YOU HAVE THE WORST IMPRESSION OF ARISAKA-SAN.
I DON'T SEE HOW YOU CAN STAND WORKING WITH THAT SAVAGE BEAST.
OH, MY BAD, MY BAD.
You jerk
Is he violent?
Refers to volume 21
AGEHA IS PUSHED TO THE EDGE.
I'M AS BAD AS ARISAKA-SAN? I'M AS BAD AS ARISAKA-SAN?!
Ha ha ha ha ha!
I FORGOT-- YOU'RE JUST AS VIOLENT AS HE IS.
Your looks had me fooled.
I'M SORRY.
for what?
Hah!
THAT MEANS...

Huh?
This one.
You must be Yousuke Jotaro!
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うらやましい
FOR WORKING AT THE SAME PLACE AS YOUR FAAAAVORITE BROTHER.
I'M SO SORRY! I'M ALWAYS BY HIS SIDE.
Oh, hello brother!
BIFT!
ブラボー
SAKA-SHITA..
HEY, SAKA-SHITA
Hmmmm hm nice self destruct.. ♥
Brave!
AGEHA, NICE COMEBACK! NICE TRUMP CARD.
ぎゃあ
Better confess your envy! ♪
Shut up! I never said that!
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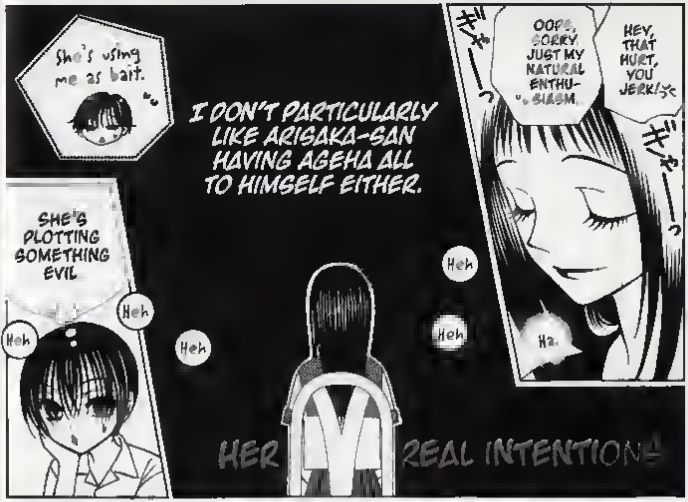
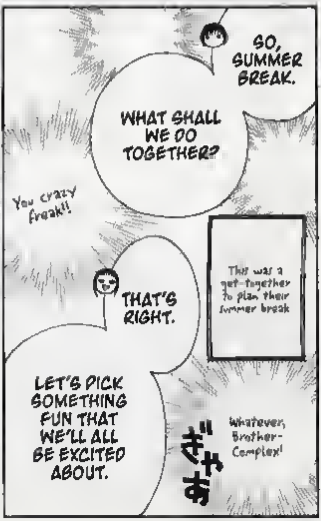
SQUABBLE SQUABBLE
YES, LET'S LEAVE IT AT THAT.
HE'S PRETTY, HE OWNS A COMPANY, AND HE'S SO MISCHIEVOUS THAT HE LITERALLY THROWS PEOPLE AROUND--GUYS AND GIRLS BOTH
AND YOU CALL THAT "MISCHIEVOUS"?
Well
I'm not! Stop making stuff up!!
Then stop picking fights
WHAT IS IT, AKIYOSHI-KUN?
WHAT'S ARISAKA-SAN REALLY LIKE?
SQUABBLE SQUABBLE

ARI-SAKA-SAN, HUH...?
I'LL ALWAYS BE SUPPORTIVE OF AGEHA'S FEELINGS, BUT..
"MAMORU-CHAN, STOP HOGGING AGEHA-CHAN."
OH YEAH, NAGARE DID SAY SOMETHING LIKE THAT. IT WAS CUTE.
It's not fair
Why don't you listen to him?
AGEHA.
NAGARE IS LONELY HE SAID HE WANTS YOU TO HANG OUT WITH HIM MORE.
NAT-CHAN SAID THAT?!
I WANT TO STROLL SIDE-BY-SIDE WITH NAT-CHAN! ♪
HE'LL HAPPILY DO GIRLY SHOPPING WITH ME ..
HE'S SO CUTE! I LOVE HIM! ♪
Checking out clothes, etc.
THE THREE OF US SHOULD GO SHOPPING AGAIN.
YOU BETCHA! ♡



A COMPETITION!!! WE MUST HAVE A COMPETITION!!
I KNOW, I KNOW!!
OKAY, COMPETI-TION IT IS.
Even if it's something you've never done before?
They're in sync!


SO, SUMMER BREAK.
WHAT SHALL WE DO TOGETHER?
You crazy freak!!
This was a get-together to plan their summer break
THAT'S RIGHT.
LET'S PICK SOMETHING FUN THAT WE'LL ALL BE EXCITED ABOUT.
Whatever, Brother-Complex!

Credits to the Tennessee comedians.

HO HO HO!
THAT'S A LOT OF BIG TALK FROM A SMALL MAN. JUST WAIT AND SEE!
I WON'T GO EASY ON YOU JUST BECAUSE YOU'RE A GIRL.
SAY WHAT?! I'M GONNA MAKE YOU WEEP.
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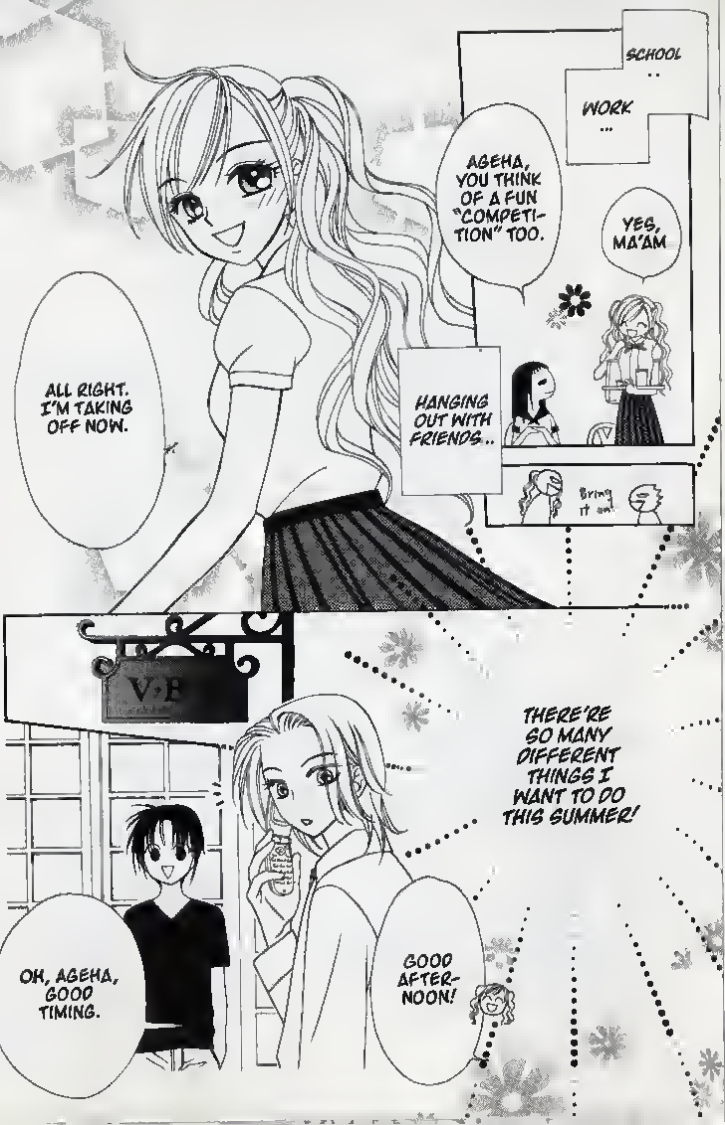
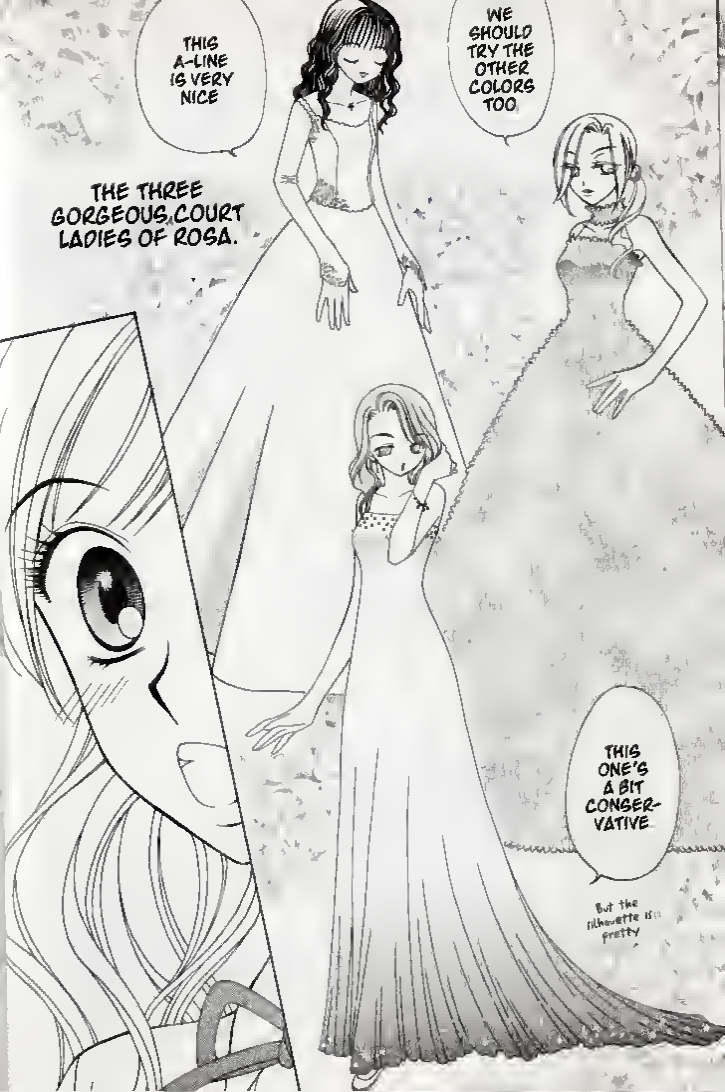
OH MY...
TEE HEE...
I HAVE TO GET TO WORK.
OOPS!
Phew... that was fun.
IT'S ALREADY THAT LATE?
HE NEVER LEARNS
I'm really, really sorry.
You'll make me cry.
WHO'S GOING TO MAKE WHO...
...CRY AGAIN?


SCHOOL ..
WORK ...
AGEHA, YOU THINK OF A FUN "COMPETI-TION" TOO.
YES, MA'AM
HANGING OUT WITH FRIENDS..
Bring it on!
ALL RIGHT. I'M TAKING OFF NOW.
V·F
THERE'RE SO MANY DIFFERENT THINGS I WANT TO DO THIS SUMMER!
GOOD AFTER-NOON!
OH, AGEHA, GOOD TIMING.

THE DRESS MAKER IS OVER THERE RIGHT NOW.
TO ROSA?
AGEHA-CHAN, WE'RE GOING TO ROSA.
Where?
HUH?
YOU'RE COMING TOO
"DRESS MAKER"?
RIRIKO, I'M BRINGING AGEHA.
YEAH, WE'LL BE RIGHT THERE.
A NEW MAGICAL WORLD IS OPENING BEFORE YOU.

IN HEAVEN.
WHAT KIND OF FESTIVAL IS THIS?
Ga3geous!
FESTIVAL?
Dress on Full Heart Key
Commentator Mitsuya-kun
Seeing the dress and wearing the dress are different experiences
THESE ARE SAMPLES OF OUR NEW PRODUCTS.
WE HAVE TO DECIDE WHAT TO ORDER...
...HOW MANY SIZES WE NEED PER DESIGN, AND THE LENGTHS OF THE DRESSES
THE FEMALE EMPLOYEES TRY THEM ON, AND THEN WE DECIDE ON THE PRODUCTS TOGETHER.

RIRIKO-SAN.
YUKARI, YUKARI, DON'T YOU THINK THIS IS NICE?
WHICH -- ONE?
OOOH, YEAH! IT'S A DRESS-UP PARTY!
SHE WASN'T LISTENING AT ALL.
OH, AGEHA-CHAN! GLAD YOU COULD MAKE IT ♪
WHAT?! I GET TO WEAR IT?!
THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE HERE FOR.
IT'S A PRETTY PINK
ISN'T IT? ♥ AND NICE AND POOFY.
YOUNG BRIDES WILL APPRE-CIATE THAT.
AGEHA, TRY IT ON BEHIND THOSE CURTAINS --
MY FIRST DRESS.
RIRIKO-SAN.
THESE ARE ALL FANTAS-TIC


THIS A-LINE IS VERY NICE
WE SHOULD TRY THE OTHER COLORS TOO
THE THREE GORGEOUS COURT LADIES OF ROSA.
THIS ONE'S A BIT CONSERVATIVE
But the silhouette is pretty

WHY, THANK YOU! ♡
Innocent Yumeno
Saltry Seika
Big sister Reina
KYAA!!
REINA-SAN, SEIKA-SAN, YUMENO-SAN, YOU'RE ALL SO BEAUTIFUL!!
SUZUKI-SAN, PLEASE TAKE SOME PHOTOS.
Doooh...
No, how about ?
Or S T to 13 T
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WE CAN ORDER ASSORTED SIZES OF REINA'S DRESS
SEIKA-SAN'S DRESS SHOULD SUIT TALL, SLENDER WOMEN
SO ROSA DOES THIS KIND OF THINS TOO.
GOTCHA.
わしい
What about from 7 TT to 11 TT?
The number is the size. The T is the length.
THANKS FOR THE HELP.
UH, OKAY.
AGEHA-CHAN, COME OVER HERE, PLESE.
WILL DO! x 3
REINA, SEIKA, YUMENO, PLEASE HELP HER GET DRESSED WHEN YOU'RE DONE WITH THE PHOTOS
WH-WH-WHOA!

REINA-CHAN AND SEIKA-CHAN, YOU'RE BOTH SO OBSERVANT.
YEAH, THIS WILL DEFINITELY APPEAL MORE TO YOUNGER WOMEN. IT'S TOO CUTESY FOR ME.
GLK!
I hate to admit it, but it's true
OH MY. WHAT BEAUTIFUL SKIN SHE HAS.
Ageha-chan is too young
BUT MORE THAN THAT...
NEVER RELY ON YOUR YOUTH AND NEGLECT YOUR SKIN.
The three court ladies can change really quickly

TEE HEE!
I'M CURIOUS ABOUT AGEHA-CHAN'S MEASURE-MENTS!

YUMENO, BRING THE MEASURING TAPE!!
YES, MA'AM! ♡
SEIKA, UNDRESS HER
ALREADY ON IT.
WHAT?!
WHA...?!
パキ
パキ
NOW...
RAISE YOUR ARM ♥
SOUNDS LIKE THEY'RE HAVING FUN.
WHAT THE HECK ARE THEY DOING?
Look at that waist! It's unbelievable!
No, her boobs, her boobs. What's the cup size?!
Let's measure her under-bust. ♥♥♥
Let me touch them.
Absolutely no privacy.
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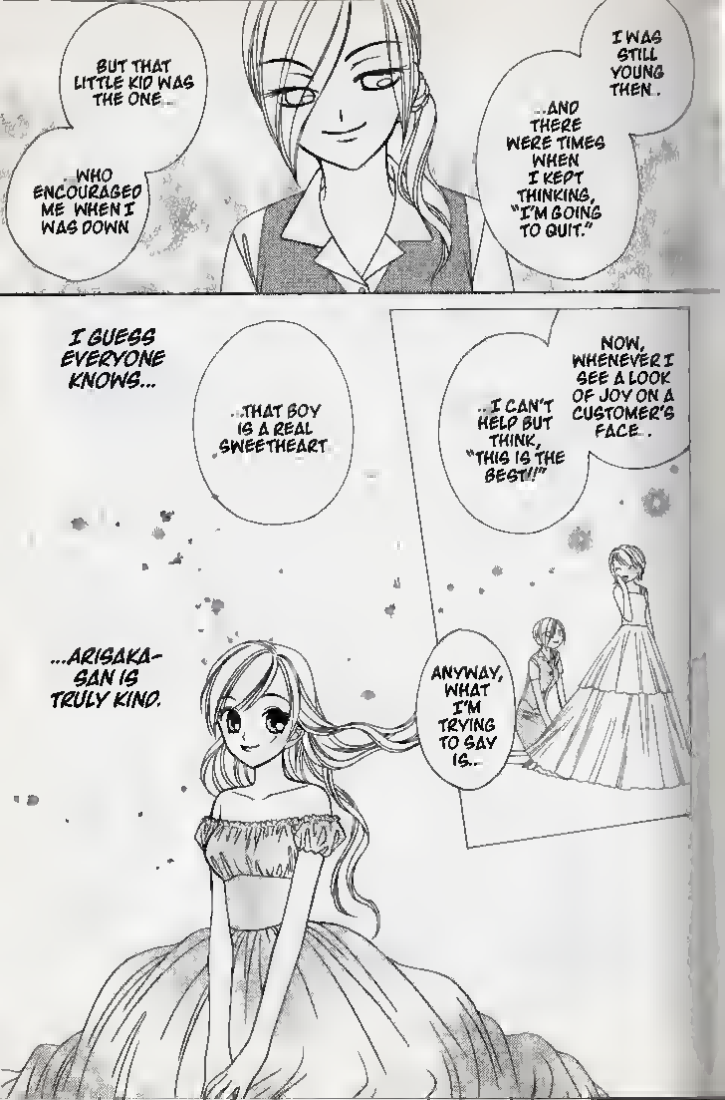
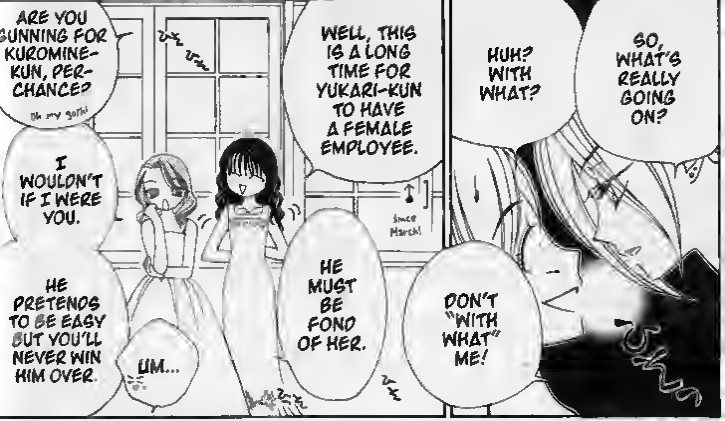
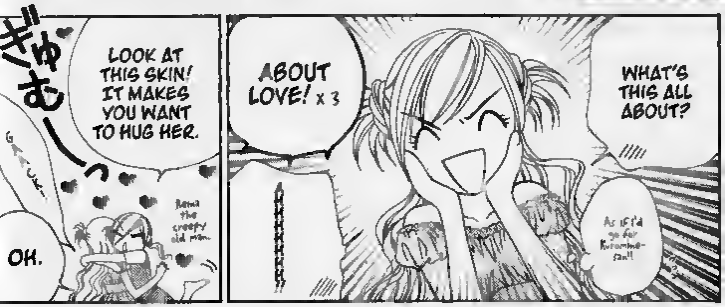
"MY WAY OR THE HIGHWAY"?
BY THE WAY, WHAT'S YUKARI-CHAN LIKE AT VELVET?
HUH?
I KNOW.
That's not what I meant.
MMM HMM. SHE'S STILL AT THAT SHY AGE.
WHAT A CHARM-INGLY NAIVE REACTION.
GROWN-UPS... GROWN-UPS ARE SO...
Come on, straighten up.
They played with her like a toy.
YUKARI-CHAN WAS JUST A BRATTY MIDDLE SCHOOLER BACK THEN.
IT'S TRUE. I JOINED THE COMPANY AFTER I GRADUATED FROM HIGH SCHOOL.
Let me play with her hair too.
I HEARD ARISAKA-SAN IS "ROSA'S IDOL."
YOU'RE SO LUCKY! ♥ YOU WORK WITH YUKARI-KUN AND MITSUYA-KUN. ♥
KYA
KYA!
...AND MENTALLY INTENSE.
THIS JOB IS PHYSI-CALLY...
Hard to guess the age of 10-something women.
REINA-SAN HAS WORKED HERE FOR A LONG TIME...


I WAS STILL YOUNG THEN.
...AND THERE WERE TIMES WHEN I KEPT THINKING, "I'M GOING TO QUIT."
BUT THAT LITTLE KID WAS THE ONE...
...WHO ENCOURAGED ME WHEN I WAS DOWN
NOW, WHENEVER I SEE A LOOK OF JOY ON A CUSTOMER'S FACE.
...I CAN'T HELP BUT THINK, "THIS IS THE BEST!!"
I GUESS EVERYONE KNOWS...
...THAT BOY IS A REAL SWEETHEART
ANYWAY, WHAT I'M TRYING TO SAY IS...
...ARISAKA-SAN IS TRULY KIND.


ARE YOU RUNNING FOR KUROMINE-KUN, PERCHANCE?
Oh my gosh!
I WOULDN'T IF I WERE YOU.
HE PRETENDS TO BE EASY BUT YOU'LL NEVER WIN HIM OVER.
UM...
WELL, THIS IS A LONG TIME FOR YUKARI-KUN TO HAVE A FEMALE EMPLOYEE.
Since March!
HE MUST BE FOND OF HER.
DON'T "WITH WHAT" ME!
HUH? WITH WHAT?
SO, WHAT'S REALLY GOING ON?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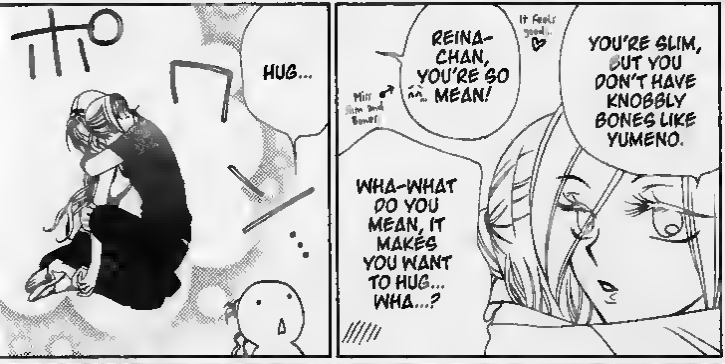
LOOK AT THIS SKIN! IT MAKES YOU WANT TO HUG HER.
Reina the creepy old man.
OH.
ABOUT LOVE! x 3
WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT?
As if I'd go for Kuromine-san!!


HUG...
REINA-CHAN, YOU'RE SO MEAN!
Miss Slim and Bones!
It feels good...
YOU'RE SLIM, BUT YOU DON'T HAVE KNOBBLY BONES LIKE YUMENO.
WHA-WHAT DO YOU MEAN, IT MAKES YOU WANT TO HUG... WHA...?

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PUSH!
OH MY GOSH!
WHAT?!
WHAT HAPPENED?!
TELL BIG SISTER ALL ABOUT IT.
OH MY GOSH!
HEY, YOU ALL!
They're getting rollerskates!
WE DON'T HAVE ALL DAY. HURRY UP AND DRESS HER.
YES, SIR! x 3
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HERE, AGEHA-CHAN GO ON OUT
UM, OKAY.
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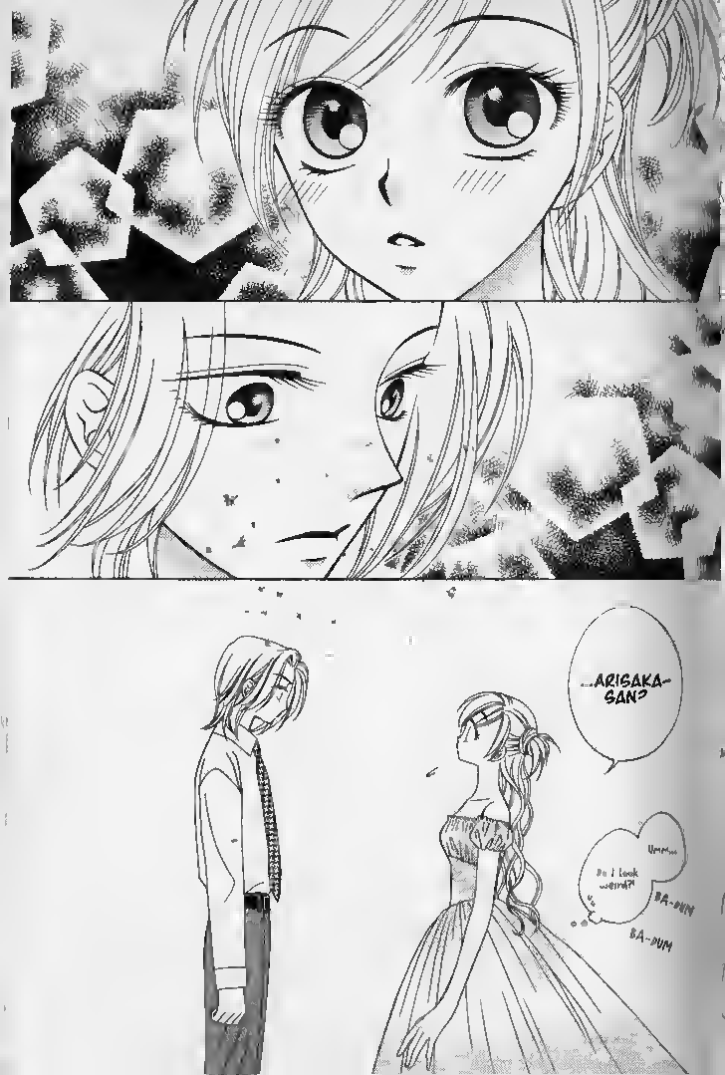
...ARISAKA-SAN?
Umm...
Do I look weird?
BA-DUM
BA-DUM

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OH, REALLY?
YES, THIS IS DEFINITELY LOVELY.
AGEHA-CHAN, YOU LOOK ADORABLE!
ORDER, ORDER.
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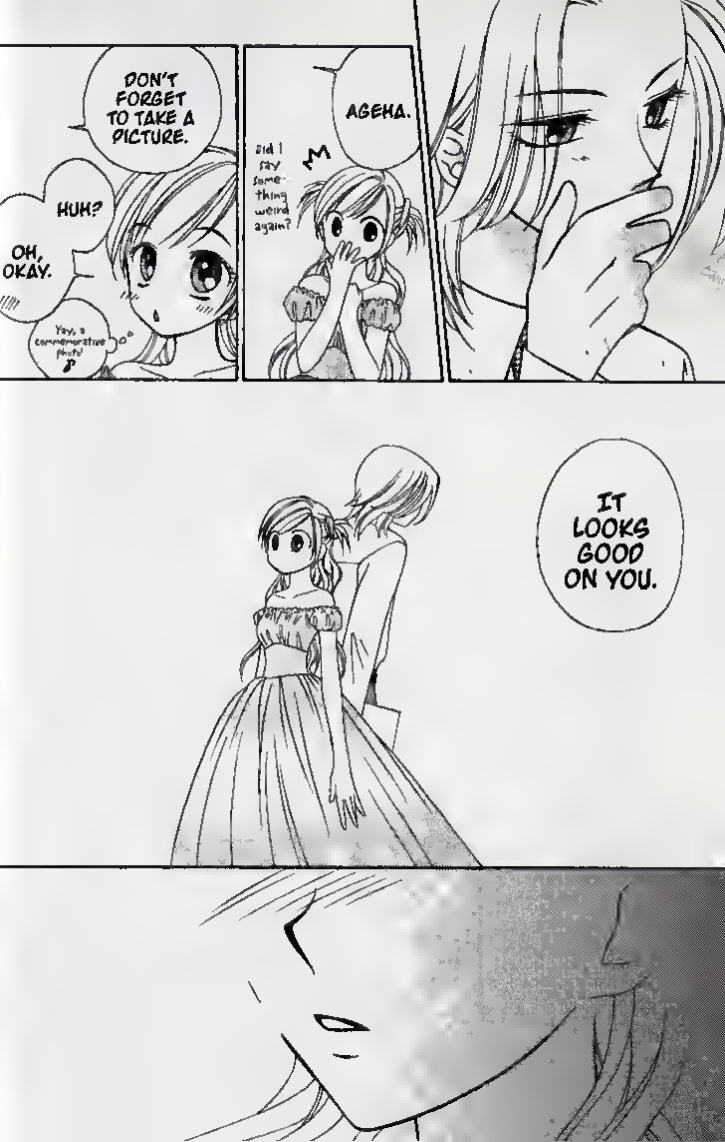
FAILURE...
We're ready over here.
Okay, okay
I KNOW I'M NOT A BRIDE OR ANYTHING ..
DON'T LAUGH, OKAY?
!
I THINK I UNDERSTAND NOW HOW OUR CUSTOMERS FEEL.
Please tell them...
...I'll contact them later about the thing.
BUT...
ARIGAKA-SAN, ARIGAKA-SAN!

GETTING TO WEAR A GORGEOUS DRESS LIKE THIS FOR THE FIRST TIME...
...I CAN'T BELIEVE HOW THRILLING IT IS!
IT'S LIKE A DREAM COME TRUE.
SO I CAN ONLY IMAGINE HOW OUR CUSTOMERS FEEL.
IT'S A LITTLE SHARED EXPERI-ENCE.
THANKS FOR LETTING ME WEAR IT!


AGEHA.
Did I say something weird again?
DON'T FORGET TO TAKE A PICTURE.
HUH?
OH, OKAY.
Yay, a commemorative photo!
IT LOOKS GOOD ON YOU.

I WONDER IF MY HEART CAN SURVIVE...

...A WHOLE SUMMER WORKING WITH HIM.

SUMMER MEMORY NUMBER ONE.

THE NEXT DAY.
V·B
I HAVE TO BE CAREFUL TODAY, OR PEOPLE MIGHT START TO GOSSIP.
AHH ..
ARISAKA-SAN REALLY GOT TO ME YESTERDAY.
Haaaaaa...
Haaaaaa...
deep breath.
KLACK
HELLO...
BUT I'M BEGGING YOU...
YOU KNOW WHAT...
WHAT'S GOING ON?!

A CUSTOMER...?
I didn't know about you
Don't call me Yukarin!
WHAAAT? BUT I'M ALWAYS TERRIBLY SERIOUS.
YUKARIN, HOW CAN YOU BE SO COLD?
STOP BLITHERING AND GET SERIOUS ABOUT YOUR WORK
Awww
But it's cute!
It's ridiculous!
I WONDER WHO IT IS. THEY SEEM CLOSE.
OOOOH...
OKAY
YOU'RE HERE ALREADY?
IS THIS THE PART-TIMER YOU MENTIONED?
STOP BITHERING AND STEP THIS WAY
Ah.
You bum
AGEHA
OH?

HELLO THERE, MY LOVELY YOUNG LADY.
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WOW! SHE'S GREAT MATERIAL! ♪
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UGH.
?!
EXCUSE ME?
SQUEEZE
HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO WEAR AN ADORABLE WEDDING DRESS?

Instructions to V. 10

When I asked my college friend, I got the answer: Water Closet. (LOL)

: The answer is Water Closet. (LOL)

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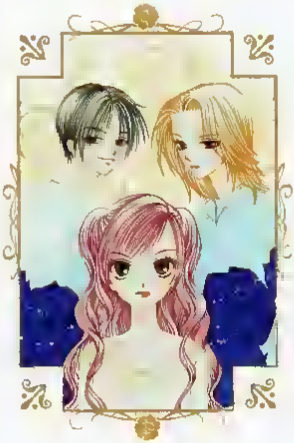
V.B. Rose



Her beloved sister's wedding lands Ageha a dream job at a bridal salon, but her happy days in the world of frills and sparkles may be disrupted by an even more dazzling pair of young men!

It's summer vacation, and Ageha is looking forward to spending a whole lot more time at VB Rose, surrounded by a world of sparkles, getting to know the business, and maybe—just maybe—getting to know Yukari Arisaka better as well. But when Ageha is invited to model a bridal gown in a mock wedding ceremony, who will be her groom?!

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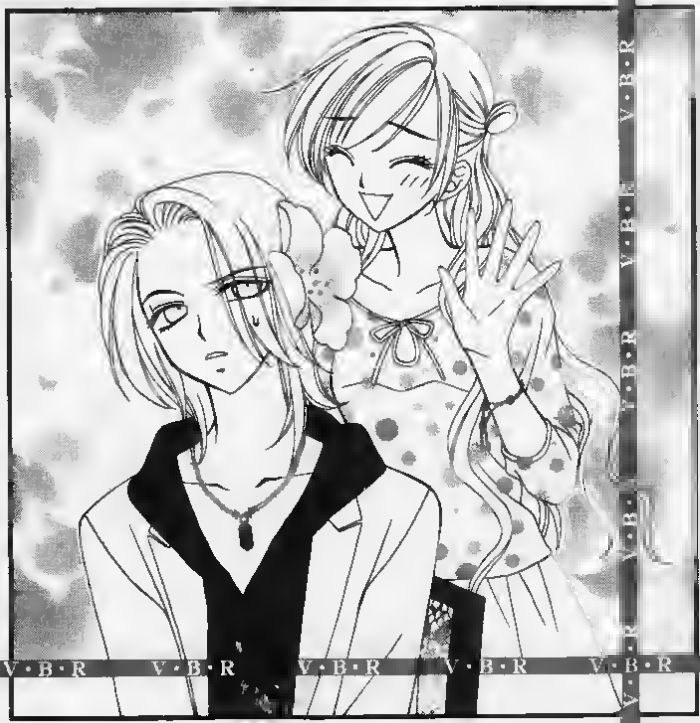

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Episode 19

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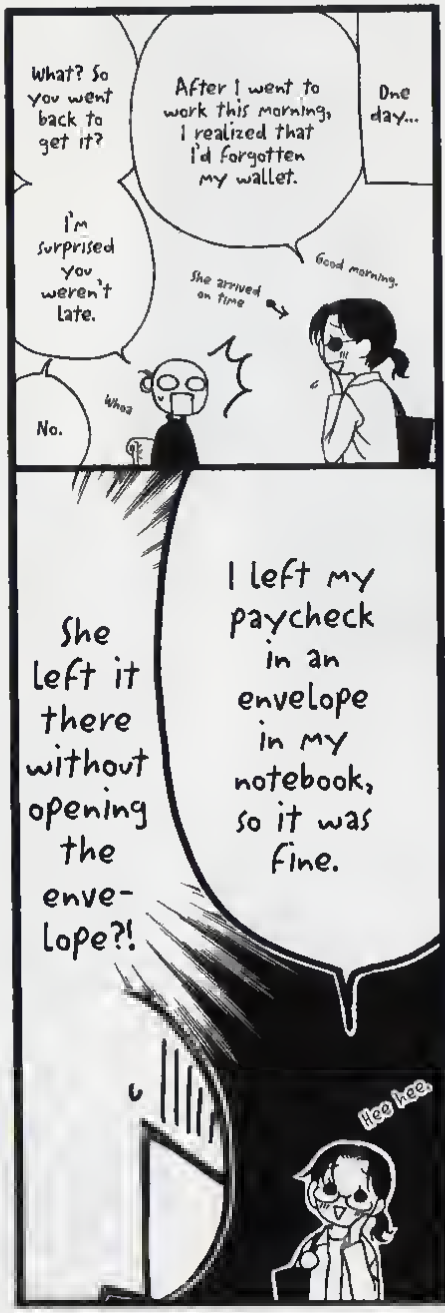
One day...
After I went to work this morning, I realized that I'd forgotten my wallet.
What? So you went back to get it?
I'm surprised you weren't late.
No.
Whoa
She arrived on time
Good morning.
I left my paycheck in an envelope in my notebook, so it was fine.
She left it there without opening the enve-lope?!
Hee hee.

It made me laugh

UM... DUDE...?
"HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO WEAR AN ADORABLE WEDDING DRESS?"
WHO ARE YOU, EXACTLY?!
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SEKIGUCHI
BAM
BFFT!
YOU DO THAT TO EVERY PERSON YOU MEET, ONE AFTER ANOTHER.
DON'T SEDUCE! DON'T TOUCH!! DON'T GET CLOSE!!!
You're talking like I'm some sort of pervert.
YUKA-RIN, YOU'RE SO MEAN
I'M ONLY DOING MY JOB.
IT'S MY DUTY TO MAKE THE BRIDAL FAIR EXCITING. I'M A VERY DILIGENT WORKER ♪

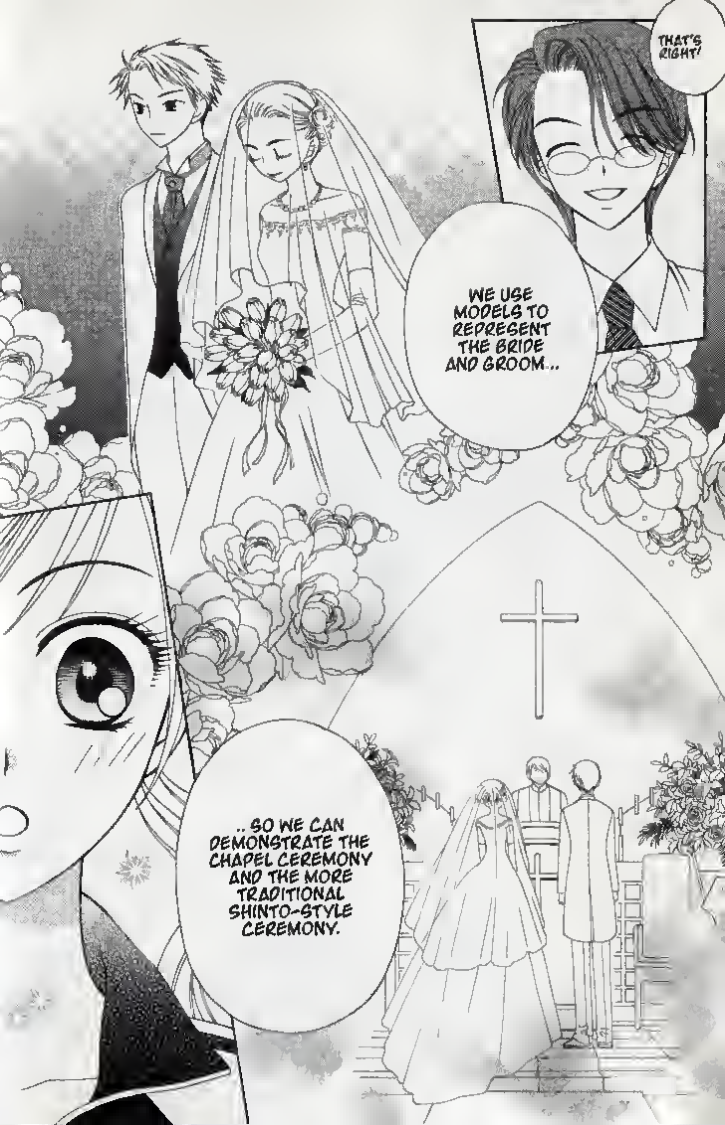
You're so cold.
FORGIVE ME I HAVEN'T INTRODUCED MYSELF YET
HIS VERY EXISTENCE IS AN ANNOYANCE IGNORE HIM
PAY ATTENTION TO ME!
UH...UM, ARISAKA-SAN
Whatever
WEDDING HALL Villa Ange
MANAGER KYOICHI SEKIGUCHI
MY NAME IS KYOICHI SEKIGUCHI, AND I'M THE MANAGER OF THE WEDDING HALL "VILLA ANGE."
HEY!
THIS IS THE HALL WHERE MY SISTER GOT MARRIED!!
I'M IN CHARGE OF PLANNING THINGS LIKE THE BRIDAL FAIR
NICE TO MEET YOU. I'M AGEHA SHIRO! I WORK HERE PART-TIME.
Is! cool?
Whoa
BINGO. ♪

REALLY?! I DIDN'T KNOW THAT!!
WE'D LIKE TO THANK YOUR SISTER FOR USING OUR WEDDING HALL.
I'm the best
HE'S THE SON OF VILLA ANGE'S OWNER.
WHEN YOU GET ENGAGED, PLEASE CONSIDER HOLDING YOUR WEDDING AT VILLA ANGE.
STOP ADVERTISING TO A HIGH SCHOOL GIRL.
HE'S SO WEIRD. HE'S SO WEIRD!!
UM...
CAN I ASK A QUESTION?
YES?
What are you talking about? I'm always serious.
Ayaka, please ignore him.
He's in his stupid mode again.
...THIS "BRIDAL FAIR"?
WHAT IS...

YOU'RE TOO FAR AWAY.
HERE, HERE, SIT DOWN BY ME.
IT DESERVES A SWEET AND SIMPLE REPLY!
YES, YES! AN EXCELLENT QUESTION.
YOU IDIOT! DON'T ENCOURAGE HIM.
!!
UH
Hmm?
YUKA-RIN, YOU SEEM A LITTLE EDGY.
PERHAPS IT IS A CALCIUM DEFICIENCY?
SHUT UP!
SEKIGUCHI, HOW ABOUT YOU CUT THE CRAP?
JUST EXPLAIN IT IN BRIEF AND GET THE HELL OUT OF HERE. GO BACK TO WORK.

?
Hmm
!!
DON'T WORRY. I'M NOT INTO HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS.
Yuka-rin, you're so cute!
Ha ha hah!
WHY ARE ALL THE ADULTS HERE SO WEIRD?
Where did my answer go?
Innocent boyfriender
He got punched.
Oh boy, was that fun!
SO, ANYWAY, ABOUT THE BRIDAL FAIR...
SO WEDDING HALLS HOLD BRIDAL FAIRS.
YOU CAN'T DO ANYTHING UNLESS YOU'VE PICKED A HALL AND A DATE.
Who should we invite?
What do we need to do?
When do you want to be?
THE FIRST THING CUSTOMERS DO IS CHOOSE A WEDDING HALL.
Let's Go!!

THAT KIND OF EVENT ALLOWS CUSTOMERS TO CHECK OUT OUR WEDDING HALL AND RECEPTION AREA.
BUT THAT'S NOT ENOUGH TO PULL IN BUSINESS...
SO DRESS STORES ALSO PROVIDE FREE FITTINGS.
It's different for halls with bridal salons attached though.
FLOWER SHOPS COME TO DISPLAY BOUQUETS AND WEDDING FAVORS
TEA
EA
HAPPY BEAR
SIMULATED CEREMONY?
AND A SIMULATED CEREMONY AND A SIMULATED RECEPTION TAKE PLACE


THAT'S RIGHT!
WE USE MODELS TO REPRESENT THE BRIDE AND GROOM...
.. SO WE CAN DEMONSTRATE THE CHAPEL CEREMONY AND THE MORE TRADITIONAL SHINTO-STYLE CEREMONY.

THERE WAS NO BOWING !!
THAT'S WHY I ALWAYS COME HERE TO BOW DOWN
AND BEG YUKA-RIN TO PLAY THE GROOM!
IT DOES, DOESN'T IT?
OOH, OOH!
I WANT OUR CUSTOMERS TO SEE A SPECTACULAR CEREMONY.
THAT SOUNDS SO FUN.
THAT WILL HELP THEM CHOOSE OUR WEDDING HALL.
I know that's why that
HURRY UP AND GET LOST!
I WON'T GIVE UP NEXT TIME. ☆
キュピーン
I'LL LET IT SLIDE THIS TIME BECAUSE WE'VE ALREADY PICKED MODELS.
Phew!
JUST GIVE UP THE ENTIRE THING.
We only rent out clothes to your production yourself, got it?? Do it yourself! ☆
Then let me borrow Ayaka chan. Aren't you a rental store?
OH.. SO THAT'S WHY HE SAID, "DON'T ENCOURAGE HIM."
But it's such a waste. It's a waste, Yuka-rin rin.
NOW I GET IT.
Don't say Yuka rin.
Sorry about that

@@ THAT'S RIGHT!!
WE GO WAY BACK.
WHERE IS MY SWEET RIRI?
HE WAS RIRIKO'S CLASSMATE.
He lives nearby.
Shrugs
IS SHE?!
SHE'S WITH CUSTOMERS AT ROSA.
Aa-ha.
WHY BE FRIENDLY WITH A GUY WHO WASTES MY TIME FOR HIS OWN AMUSEMENT?
ARISAKA-SAN...
SEKIGUCHI-SAN IS A BUSINESS PARTNER...
IT'S SO MUCH FUN TEASING YUKA-RIN. I CAN'T HELP IT! ♪
BLUNT!
SO, UM... WASN'T THAT KIND OF ROUGH OF YOU?
This guy...
ALL RIGHT, FOLKS! ☆
UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN.
AGEHA-CHAN, IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN THE BRIDAL FAIR...
...YOU SHOULD ASK YUKARI TO TAKE YOU.
OH, YES. THANK YOU.
...
FORGET ABOUT HIM
A-

YUP, I WAS HERE.
WAIT, YOU WERE HERE, KUROMINE-SAN?!
YOU FINALLY EMERGED.
I SUPPOSE SO.
Yeah...
.. BUT WHEN IT COMES TO THE WORK, THEY'RE EQUALLY SERIOUS.
THEY'RE ALWAYS LIKE THAT...
REALLY?! YOU DON'T... GET ALONG?
HE ALWAYS HIDES WHEN SEKIGUCHI'S HERE
SORRY, YUKARI-KUN...
...BUT THAT GUY...
THAT'S WHY?!
...IS WAY TOO MUCH LIKE ME.
HMPH.
Her aura's different today...

WHEN IS THE BRIDAL FAIR?
THE NEXT ONE'S ON THE FIRST SUNDAY IN AUGUST.
All right, back to work.
HMMM
DO YOU WANT TO GO?
WHAT?!
ギクッ
UM, KIND OF.
I MIGHT WANT TO SEE THE HALL.
AND I'M CURIOUS ABOUT THE SIMULATED CEREMONY.
I DON'T THINK IT'S AS FUN AS WHAT YOU'RE IMAGINING.
YUKARI-KUN, THAT'S NOT THE RIGHT THING TO SAY!!!
The pretty, tumbling display!

Hello, it's me, Banri Hidaka. I thought this year wouldn't get warm after spring, but it suddenly became hot once summer began. How are you guys these days?

Hidaka...couldn't see the cherry blossoms this year

It's like both halves of it.

Thank you so much to everyone who sent me messages and presents for my birthday in May!! I'm 29 now. I like odd numbers (lol)

Maybe because my birthday is May 31st?

Gemini—blood-type B—year of the Dragon... That probably doesn't mean anything. Hah

Odd number

It seems like the days and months past faster and faster. But it feels like a good year overall. Is it just me? Well, it's not true in every way, but...no, really... This Volume 4 of VB Rose is actually my 30TH book. Thank you all for reading so much! Well, well, I would be pleased if you all can enjoy Volume 4

OH, UM, IT'S OKAY.

I'M SORRY I CAN'T MAKE ANY PROMISES.

I JUST THOUGHT I'D SAY IT.

I can't commit right now.

IF IT FITS WITH MY SCHEDULE, I COULD TAKE YOU FOR A WHILE, BUT...

OH, AND IT'S A SUNDAY.

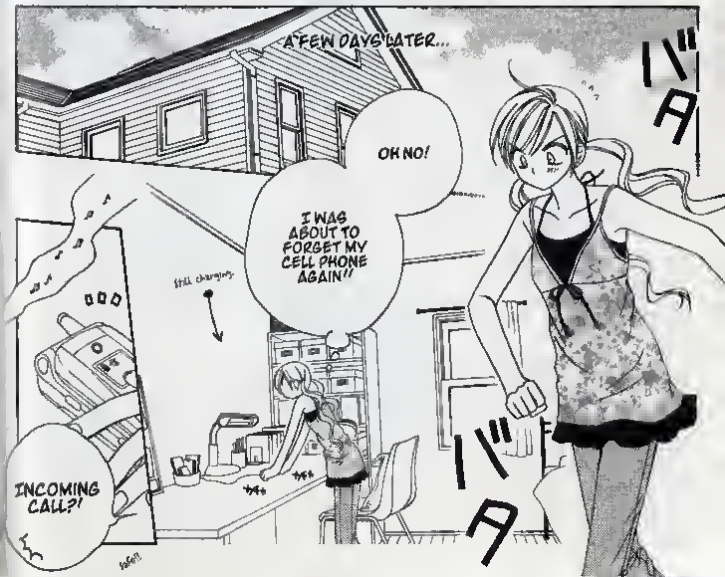
I HAVE TO FINISH MY WORK FROM YESTERDAY

PATTER

I'M HEADING UPSTAIRS.

PITTER

I'M SURE HE'S STILL LECTURING AT RUSA.
IT'S PROBABLY FASTER TO ASK SEKIGUCHI.
I'LL CALL AND MAKE SURE
I GUESS I'M A BIT DISAPPOINTED.


A FEW DAYS LATER...
OH NO!
I WAS ABOUT TO FORGET MY CELL PHONE AGAIN!!
Still charging.
INCOMING CALL?!
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AGEHA, IS THAT YOU? WHERE ARE YOU?
HELLO?
ARISAKA-SAN?!
I'M STILL AT HOME.
I'M TAKING OFF RIGHT NOW.
OKAY.
STAY THERE. I'LL PICK YOU UP.
BEG PARDON?!
SEE YOU!
VILLA ANGE?
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AGEHA-CHAN, LET'S GO!
WHAT?! WHY ARE WE HERE?!
COME ON, ALREADY
BRIDE ROOM
YES, COME IN.
WELCOME. YOU'RE RIGHT ON TIME.
Sorry to burst in on you.
OOOH..!
MAKI.. SAN?!
LONG TIME NO SEE, AGEHA-CHAN.
HOW'S HIBARI-CHAN THESE DAYS?
Thanks For Last Time

I ASKED SEKIGUCHI IN ADVANCE ..
BECAUSE IT SEEMED LIKE YOU WANTED TO COME
I HEARD THE STORY FROM SEKIGUCHI-KUN.
FEEL FREE TO POKE AROUND AS MUCH AS YOU WANT
WHAT?
UM, ARISAKA-SAN .
TODAY IS THE REHEARSAL FOR HAIR, MAKE-UP, AND DRESS FITTING FOR THE SIMULATED CEREMONY
IT'S A WEEKDAY, SO YOU CAN STAY AND WATCH AS LONG AS YOU LIKE

YOU CAN DO IT, RIGHT?
BUT WHAT ABOUT WORK?
AS LONG AS YOU CAN CATCH UP ON IT LATER.
If I work hard you'll be here at that end
SURE
THANK YOU, ARISAKA-SAN
I'm so happy!
YOU BET! I'LL DO MY BEST.

ENOUGH, YOU TWO!!
Aww, he's such a pain...
BUT YUKARI-KUN IS HOLDING BACK FOR SOME REASON
I KNOW, RIGHT?!
THEY REALLY LOOK GOOD TOGETHER, DON'T THEY?
HEE HEE!
Covering her ears.
Ooh, the model is so pretty.
CAN I GO CLOSER?
GO AHEAD.
Have a seat on that chair.

YOU'RE REALLY INTO THIS
AH!
HEH
I'VE ALWAYS LOVED BRIDES
WHEN MY SISTER GOT MARRIED...
...SHE WAS SO BEAUTIFUL AND CHARMING. IT WAS REALLY MOVING!
WEARING LOVELY GOWNS AND PINNING UP THEIR HAIR LIKE PRINCESSES..
BEAUTICIANS ARE AMAZING

WHEN THE BRIDE IS HAPPY, THE GROOM IS HAPPY
MAKI-SAN...
SO THE COUPLE GETTING MARRIED CAN HAVE A WEDDING DAY THAT'S NOTHING BUT SMILES
THAT'S WHY WE DO OUR BEST.
MY HAIR AND MAKE-UP WAS A DISASTER.
BUT YOU FIXED IT IN AN INSTANT.
I look three x-ray better than normal.
Maki can it twisterup.
I'm her biggest fan!
I TOLD MY SISTER IT WAS LIKE MAGIC.
Thanks.
HA HA HA!
DON'T YOU THINK THE BRIDE IS THE STAR?
Of course.
YES!

I'M AN IDEALIST.
It's my daily meditation.
Boo boo!
HOW WONDERFUL!
THAT SOUNDS LIKE SOMETHING ARISAKA-SAN WOULD SAY.
knock knock
SUGIMOTO.
I BROUGHT BOTH THE SPRAYS
THANKS, KAZUHA-CHAN!

He is now 5'5
BROTHER?!
Sigh, I jumped the gun.
NOW THAT I LOOK AGAIN, SHE'S OBVIOUSLY A WOMAN.
She's taller than Akiyoshi-kun, too.
WHICH ONE, WHICH ONE?
YEAH.. YES.
DO YOU KNOW MY BROTHER?
HMM?
WHOA..
AKIYOSHI-KUN?!
ガーン
WHAT KIND OF CATEGORIES ARE THOSE?
"FOUR-EYES," "IDIOT," "CLONE"-- WHICH ONE?
UM.. CLONE?
I ought to...
Kazuki-chan?
AKIYOSHI-KUN IS SHIZUYA-KUN'S FRIEND.
OH, IS THAT SO?
OH, REALLY?
What a tall couple!!
I'm in shock.
Three brothers, two sisters.
KAZUHA-SAN IS ONE OF SIX SIBLINGS
SO YOU'RE REI'S FRIEND.
SHE'S MAKI-SAN'S WIFE.
Maiden name: Akiyoshi
No wonder you mixed it up.
Ha ha ha!

PLEASED TO MEET YOU
KAZUHA-CHAN, THIS IS HIBARI-CHAN'S SISTER.
AH, THE FAMOUS "AGEHA-CHAN."
She knows me?!
MY NAME'S KAZUHA SUGIMOTO
I DID HIBARI-CHAN'S HAIR.
I'M ON MATERNITY LEAVE NOW, BUT...
SHE OFTEN SPOKE ABOUT HER LITTLE SISTER.
YOU'RE WEIRD
LOVE...IT MIGHT BE LOVE. IT MIGHT BE LOVE!!
WHAT SHOULD I DO WITH THIS THROB-BING?
You dig older women?
Wow, she's so cool!!
Where is your daughter?
My mother's babysitting her

KAZUHA-CHAN, SHOULD I CURL THE ENDS OR KEEP IT STRAIGHT?
Umm
THIS IS CUTE TOO.
BUT FOR A MARIA VEIL, AN UP-DO WOULD GIVE A SENSE OF SIMPLE ELEGANCE.
It's a bit casual
WHY DON'T YOU LET HER TRY ON THE DRESS AND SEE?
YOU'RE RIGHT

THE ENTRANCE OF THE BRIDE AND GROOM.

Observing from the corner...
I WISH I COULD WEAR THAT.
I ALWAYS LOVED MERMAID-LINE DRESSES.
THE MARIA VER. IS TOTALLY GORGEOUS.
SO PRETTY!!
TRYING ON THAT DRESS WAS FUN AND ALL..
BUT ONLY THE FULL MAKE-UP AND HAIR, AND THE VEIL
BRINGS OUT THE TRUE BRILLIANCE
It reminds me of my sister's wedding! :D
Maki-san is so amazing.
WHAT?
So close!
I'M TRYING TO SEE THINGS FROM YOUR PERSPECTIVE
HUH?

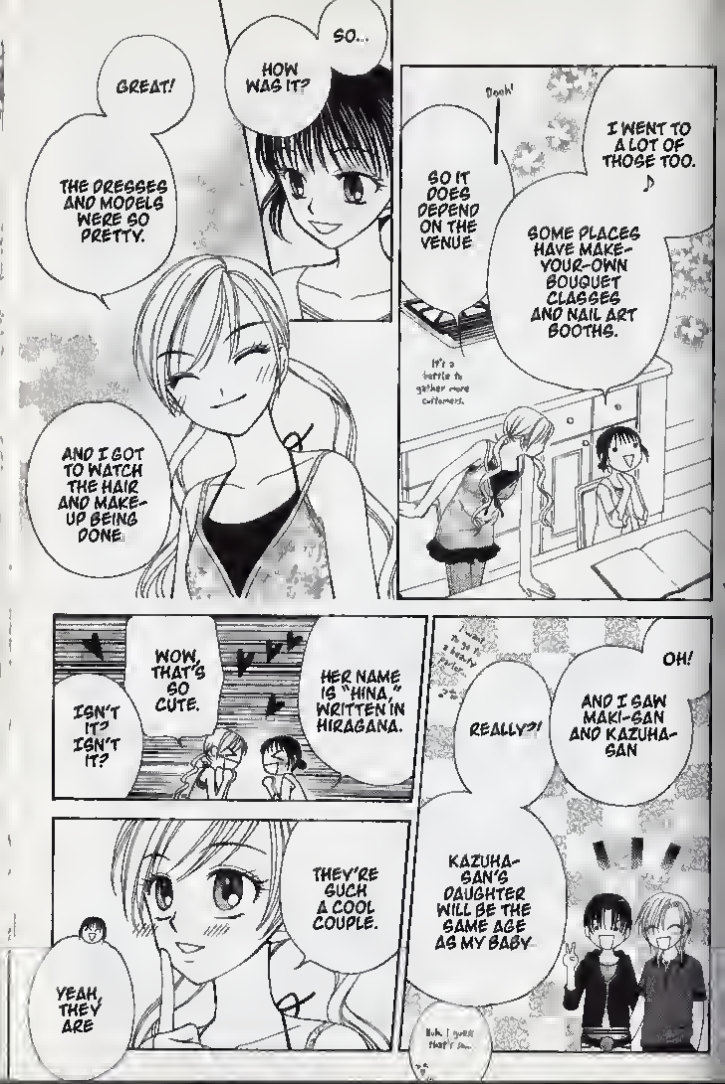
THEY TRULY SEEM LIKE PARTNERS.
HEY, HEY, MAKI-SAN AND KAZUHA-SAN ARE GREAT TOGETHER, AREN'T THEY?
THAT'S THE KIND OF COUPLE I WANT TO BE.
It's all very classic!
But I can't relate!
WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?
...WHAT THE WORLD LOOKS LIKE THROUGH THE "ABEHA FILTER."
I WAS JUST WONDERING...
ARIGAKA-SAN, YOU'RE ALWAYS SO RUDE TO ME!
YOU THINK ABOUT STUFF LIKE THAT?
Hmm...
ALTHOUGH THAT'S PROBABLY NOT THE KIND OF THING I WANT TO BRING UP RIGHT HERE, RIGHT NOW.
I don't want it to get even more awkward with him.
No confessions!!
EVEN I HAVE SOMEONE I LIKE (SITTING TO THE LEFT).

AND NOW, THE EXCHANGE OF RINGS
KAZUHA-SAN IS 28 NOW.
..BUT SHE GOT MARRIED WHEN SHE WAS 19
NO WAY, THAT'S SO YOUNG!
We've been married for nine years!
THAT COUPLE'S STAND-UP COMEDY ROUTINE IS A MUST SEE
STAND-UP COMEDY?!

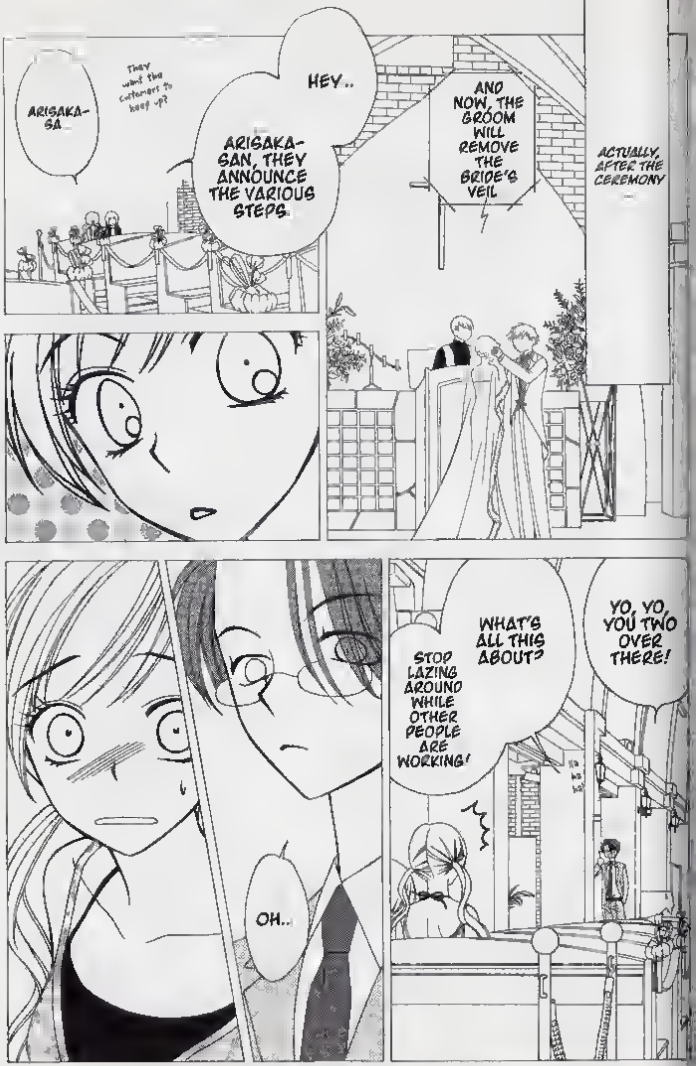
...I GET TO HAVE A DAY LIKE THIS
I HOPE THAT SOMEDAY..
I'M DREAMING..
...OF A WORLD THAT I DON'T YET KNOW
A ROAD MAP OF THE FUTURE, FILLED WITH HOPE.
HA HA HA!
WE'LL WALK UNDER THE SCORCHING SUN?
WE'RE WALKING BACK, JUST SO YOU KNOW
HE WENT BACK TO WORK
HEY, WHERE'S KUROMINE-SAN?

Episode 20

HOW ARE YOU, HIBARI-CHAN?!
WHEN I CAME BACK FROM WORK.
...MY SISTER, WHO WAS ALMOST EIGHT MONTHS PREGNANT, WAS VISITING
WELCOME HOME, AGEHA!
YOU TOOK YOUR TIME TODAY.
AH HA HA
WE WERE SO BUSY, I HAD TO PUT IN OVERTIME.
WELL, GOOD JOB
...AND TODAY I SAW THE REHEARSAL OF THE SIMULATED CEREMONY.
LISTEN, LISTEN!
OH REALLY?
THERE'S A BRIDAL FAIR AT VILLA ANGE IN EARLY AUGUST.


SO...
HOW WAS IT?
GREAT!
THE DRESSES AND MODELS WERE SO PRETTY.
AND I GOT TO WATCH THE HAIR AND MAKE-UP BEING DONE.
Oooh!
I WENT TO A LOT OF THOSE TOO. ♪
SO IT DOES DEPEND ON THE VENUE
SOME PLACES HAVE MAKE-YOUR-OWN BOUQUET CLASSES AND NAIL ART BOOTHS.
It's a battle to gather more customers.
WOW, THAT'S SO CUTE.
HER NAME IS "HINA," WRITTEN IN HIRAGANA.
ISN'T IT? ISN'T IT?
OH!
AND I SAW MAKI-SAN AND KAZUHA-SAN
REALLY?!
KAZUHA-SAN'S DAUGHTER WILL BE THE SAME AGE AS MY BABY
THEY'RE SUCH A COOL COUPLE.
YEAH, THEY ARE

SO IT REALLY IS LIKE STAND-UP.
WATCHING THEM ARGUE IS COMEDY GOLD.
I wanna see
IT'S A HABIT.
Her last name is also Fujimoto now.
I got it
Right?
BUT WHY DOES SHE CALL HER HUSBAND BY HIS LAST NAME?
IT SEEMS LIKE YOU REALLY HAD A BLAST.
WHAT?
Hee hee!
HUH
AND THEN, AND THEN...
THIS... THIS IS...
W-WELL YEAH, BECAUSE...
...IT WAS SO FUN.
...HOW SHOULD I SAY...
He...
Hm...
It's very you, Ayaka.
YOUR FACE IS ONE BIG GRIN.
Teeth showing!


ARISAKA-SA...
They want the customers to keep up?
HEY..
ARISAKA-SAN, THEY ANNOUNCE THE VARIOUS STEPS.
AND NOW, THE GROOM WILL REMOVE THE BRIDE'S VEIL
ACTUALLY, AFTER THE CEREMONY
OH..
STOP LAZING AROUND WHILE OTHER PEOPLE ARE WORKING!
WHAT'S ALL THIS ABOUT?
YO, YO, YOU TWO OVER THERE!

YUKA-RIN IS... ASLEEP?
ZZZZZ...
WOW, A DEFENSE-LESS YUKARI!!!
HOW SHOCKING!
AND I'M ALL LOUD, BUT HE HASN'T WOKEN UP.
Fantastic
SEKIGUCHI-SAN, SEKIGUCHI-SAN
HUH? WHAT ...?
HE PASSED OUT FROM BOREDOM?
NOD NOD
(Probably)
YOU WANT TO WAKE HIM UP, BUT YOU CAN'T. WHAT A DILEMMA.
NOD NOD NOD NOD

SEKI-GUCHI-SAN!!
Are you nuts?
LET'S START OFF WITH DRAWING THE TYPICAL MOUSTACHE.
HMMM.
ACK!
Mornin', Sleeping Beauty.
OH, YUKA-RIN, ARE YOU AWAKE?
WHEN IT TURNED OUT TO BE SOME RANDOM WOMAN..
Ayaka?!
Mom!
Oh my, ka ka ka
?!
Mommy's sweet, huh?!
THE WAY HE REACTED WHEN HE WOKE UP..
...I HAD THAT SAME REACTION
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I WAS SHOPPING ONCE WHEN I WAS A KID
..AND I GRABBED A HAND THAT I THOUGHT WAS MY MOM'S.
THAT KINDA HURT MY FEELINGS...

Look look
AGEHA, WHAT'S WRONG?
WHAT?! OH, I KNOW
I GOT SOMETHING COOL TODAY
PIYA
PIYA
Let me see too!
OH MY, THE PHOTO OF THE DRESS?
OHH.
SEE, MOM, THIS IS WHAT I WAS TELLING YOU ABOUT BEFORE.
IT'S FROM WHEN I TRIED ON OUR NEW PRODUCT SAMPLES.
Long awaited
SHIROI FAMILY REUNION.
OH, IT'S VERY CUTE.
YOU DIDN'T WEAR ANY WHITE DRESSES?
OH, SHE CAN'T DO THAT, DAD.
THE ORANGE IS NICE AND BRIGHT TOO
THE PINK LOOKS GOOD ON YOU.
THANKS!

Mom, show me your pictures! ♪
Kyo loved
No, it's too embarrassing, sir.
3 TO 1
IT'S A JINX! WOMEN WHO WEAR WHITE DRESSES BEFORE MARRIAGE WILL MARRY LATE! x 3
I SEE...
Women like that kind of things don't they?
I just learned that
A little remark.
AGEHA, YOU DON'T HAVE TO RUSH TO GET MARRIED IMMEDIATELY.
HUH?
What's up, dad?
Shinobu Kaitani
I'M STILL JUST 18!
Ah ha ha!
And just what were you? (LOL)
DON'T BE SILLY, DAD. HOW OLD DO YOU THINK I AM?
Dad makes his debut
WHAT A SHOCKING STATEMENT!!
Ha ha ha ha!
I STARTED DATING YOUR MOTHER WHEN SHE WAS A JUNIOR IN HIGH SCHOOL.
She was a high school girl
Happy Family
Dad's a little lonely...
Uhh...
EH?!

V·B·O
..YOU ALWAYS WAKE UP INSTANTLY AT THE SLIGHTEST NOISE.
BUT.. UNLESS SOMEONE YOU REALLY TRUST IS CLOSE BY..
AND YOU FELL ASLEEP IN PUBLIC!!
WELL, SORRY!!
You're Laughing Anyway!
I'M NOT I'M SMOTHERING IT!!
NO LAUGHING!
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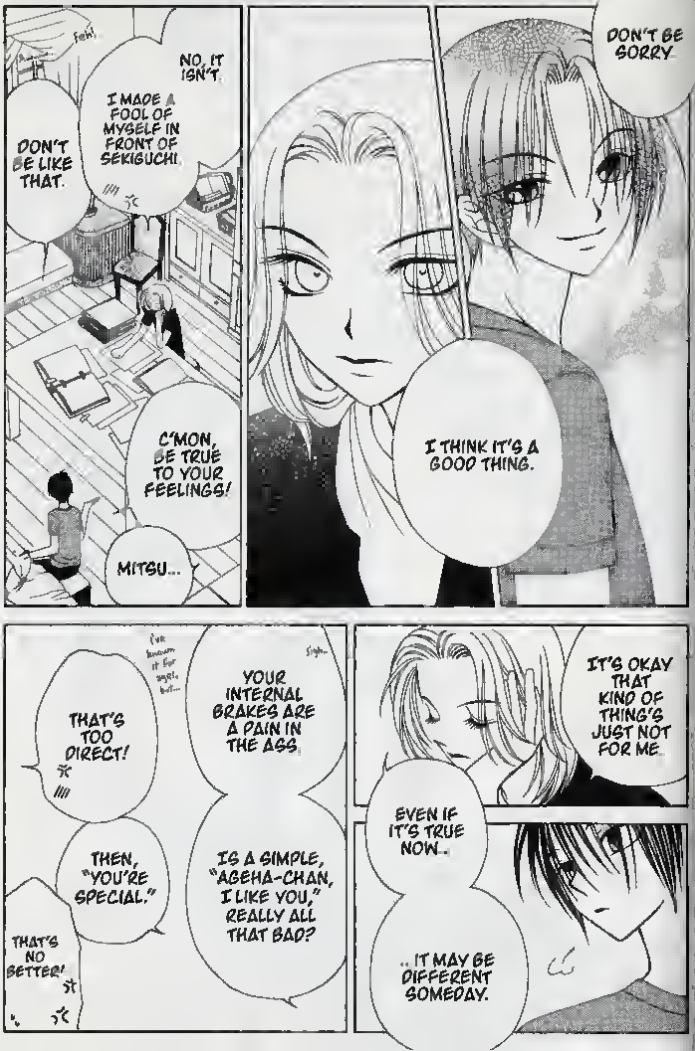
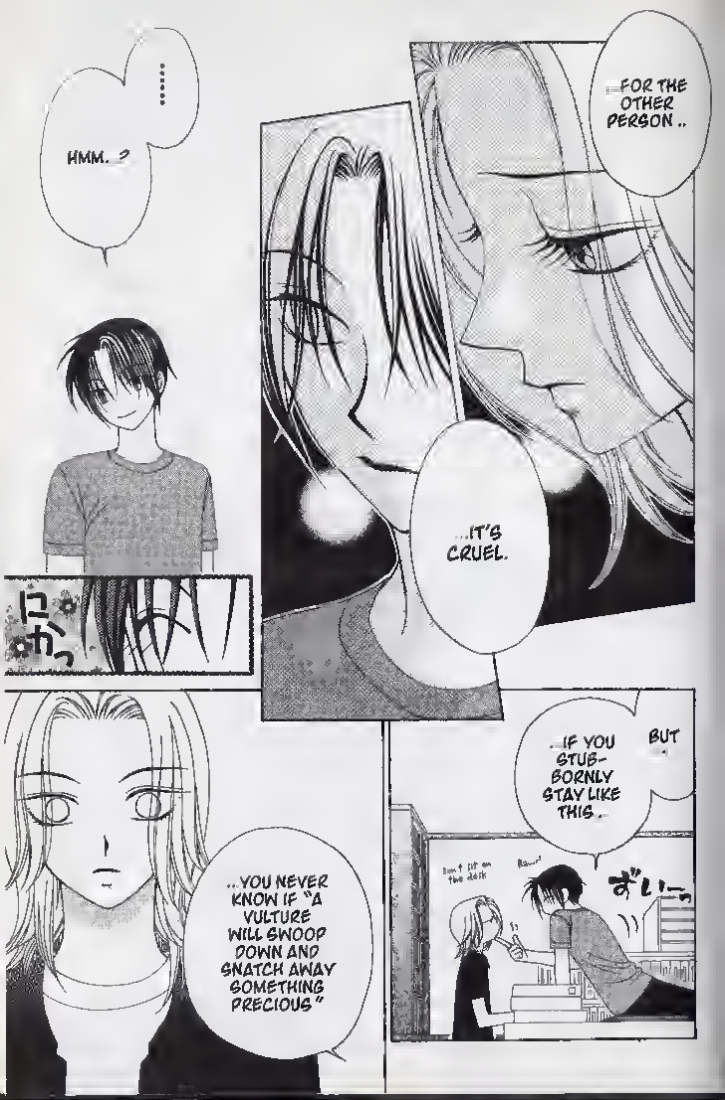
THAT'S EVEN WORSE!!


Fwh!
NO, IT ISN'T.
I MADE A FOOL OF MYSELF IN FRONT OF SEKIGUCHI.
DON'T BE LIKE THAT.
C'MON, BE TRUE TO YOUR FEELINGS!
MITSU...
DON'T BE SORRY.
I THINK IT'S A GOOD THING.
IT'S OKAY THAT KIND OF THING'S JUST NOT FOR ME.
EVEN IF IT'S TRUE NOW...
...IT MAY BE DIFFERENT SOMEDAY.
Sigh.
YOUR INTERNAL BRAKES ARE A PAIN IN THE ASS.
I've known it for ages, but...
THAT'S TOO DIRECT!
IS A SIMPLE, "ASEHA-CHAN, I LIKE YOU." REALLY ALL THAT BAD?
THEN, "YOU'RE SPECIAL."
THAT'S NO BETTER!

I DUB THEE SEKIGUCHI THE SECOND.
MISTER AWKWARD! ♪
He finally shut up
Blue
If he compares me to that guy...
ONE-SIDED EMOTIONS...
...JUST SWING YOU AROUND AND SWING OTHER PEOPLE AROUND.
A ONE-SIDED APPROACH...
...WILL ONLY HURT HER
IT'S SELFISH, AND...


HMM..?
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...FOR THE OTHER PERSON..
...IT'S CRUEL.
BUT
...IF YOU STUBBORNLY STAY LIKE THIS..
Don't lift on the desk
Raw..!
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..YOU NEVER KNOW IF "A VULTURE WILL SWOOP DOWN AND SNATCH AWAY SOMETHING PRECIOUS"

THE NEXT DAY--AGEHA'S DAY OFF.
WHEN THE CEREMONY ENDED
..WE WALKED HOME UNDER THE BROILING SUN.
TEE HEE!
BY THE TIME WE GOT BACK, WE WERE SWEATING WATER-FALLS! (LOL)
VULTURES?!
I SEE!
I'M GLAD YOU HAD FUN.
BUT THE COOL, AIR-CONDI-TIONED STORE!
IT WAS LIKE A TASTE OF HEAVEN... ♪
That was my report of the day.
YAY!
THE PHOTO OF YOU IN THE DRESS IS REALLY CUTE I WISH I COULD HAVE SEEN IT IN PERSON
HEE HEE! THANKS
IT'S MY FIRST OFFICIAL SUMMER MEMORY!

On April 29th, I had a signing at a bookstore in Osaka. Thank you to everyone who came.

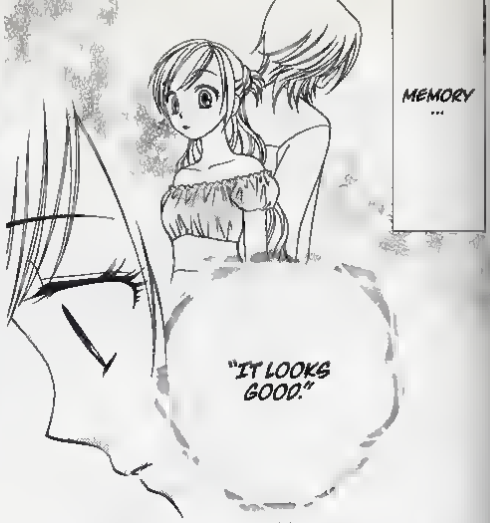
Hearing the voices of my readers made me very happy. I was so honored when I received letters. I don't know how to thank everyone who brought me gifts and flowers! Your hand-crafted presents were lovely. Oh yeah!! Some people made the wedding rabbits that appeared in Chapter 6.

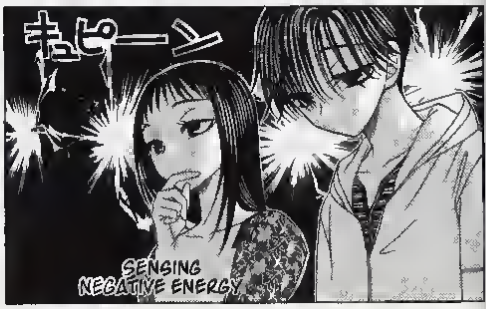
There were people who came from very far away, and people who came to the former autograph session, and people who lived in the same area as me, and it surprised me that even some men came. And everyone had cute clothes, and the bookstore owner gave me a card with readers' comments, and I can't fit all of this here...

It all made me so happy!!

Thank you for the fun and wonderful times!

I'll do my best!! Wow!





BY THE WAY, THE THREE OF US SHOULD GO SOMEWHERE FUN SOME-TIME.
LET'S DO WHAT WE ALWAYS DO.
VISIT THE OOO GOODS STORES ON THE WAY...
...AND THEN BROWSE THE NEW MAGA-ZINES AT THE BOOKSTORE, RIGHT?
He's used to being dragged around.
AND AT THE END, WE HAVE TEA AT THE CAFÉ ON THE CORNER?
OH, GOOD IDEA! ♪
TEA AT MAMORU-CHAN'S PLACE OR...
MY PLACE SOUNDS GOOD TOO, THOUGH.
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YUP YUP!
THEN LET'S DO IT NEXT TIME ALL OUR SCHEDULES ARE FREE.
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I'LL GET GOING NOW. ♡
Sorry to intrude for so long
OH, IT'S ALREADY SO LATE.
HEH.
Whee! I'm excited! ♪

DON'T WORRY, MAMORÚ-CHAN, IT'S STILL BRIGHT OUTSIDE.
WHAT'S WRONG, MAMORÚ?
DO YOU HAVE A FEVER?!
Impolite
GIRLS SHOULON'T WALK ALONE AT NIGHT.
?!
NAGARE, WALK HER BACK.
!
BUT ARISAKA-SAN SAVED ME IN THE NICK OF TIME.
It was a close call.
AH HA HA...
DID SOME-THING HAPPEN?
Good intuition.
WHAT?!
I WAS CHASED BY A STRANGER THE OTHER DAY.

BUT NIGHT IS STILL NIGHT, EVEN THOUGH YOU LIVE CLOSE BY.
YES, STREETS ARE BRIGHTER AT 7 P.M. IN THE SUMMER.
BUT IT WAS LATER THEN, AND THE STREETS WERE DARKER.
AND THAT STORY MAKES ME EVEN MORE WORRIED
AGEHA-CHAN
NAT-CHAN. .
キュキュ〜ん
RIGHT?
SO LET'S GO HOME TOGETHER.
THAT'S MY BROTHER ALL RIGHT. HE KNOWS EXACTLY HOW TO USE HIS CHARMS TO HIS ADVANTAGE.
Great
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OKAY, LET'S GO HOME.

SO HOW'S WORK, AGEHA-CHAN?
I'VE SETTLED IN PRETTY WELL NOW.
I'm immune to my weirdo co-workers.
WHEN IT'S LATE AT NIGHT...
HE DRIVES ME HOME.
I'LL DEFINITELY GET MY LICENSE ONCE I GRADUATE.
OH, I WANT ONE TOO!!
Like, "Vroooom!"
first year
A car, huh..?
I CAN'T GET A LICENSE YET.
ADULTS HAVE AN UNFAIR ADVANTAGE AT TIMES LIKE THESE
Yukari at that moment
Yukari hunh
Something is coming over me.
Wooder

BUT, Y'KNOW...
...DRIVING FROM YOUR HOUSE TO MINE...
...WOULD PROBABLY END UP TAKING LONGER, WOULDN'T IT?
Getting ready and all.
I LIKE WALKING TOO.
I LIKE THE FEELING THAT TIME PASSES SLOWLY.
HEH...
Right??
THAT'S TRUE.
THEN

I AM A GUY, AFTER ALL.
...IT'LL AT LEAST BE SOME DEFENSE.
IF I DO THIS.
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IT'S...
IT'S KIND OF LIKE THE OPPOSITE OF NORMAL.
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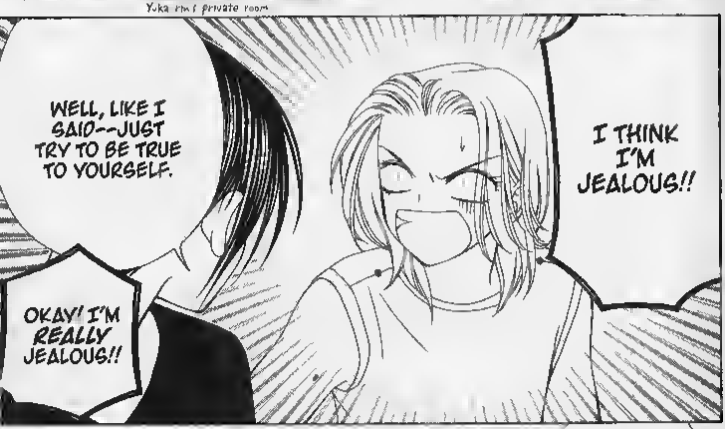
WAH!
HEE HEE!
YEAH.
BUT THAT'S NICE OCCASIONALLY.

WHAT DID YOU SAY?
HUH?
THE VULTURE?!
IT'S STILL LIGHT BEFORE 7, BUT HE SAID IT DOESN'T CHANGE THE FACT THAT IT'S STILL NIGHTTIME.
NAT-CHAN WALKED ME BACK HOME LAST NIGHT.
YEAH, SO LIKE I SAID..
I have my own way of doing things.
Is this it?!
BUT IT STARTLED ME WHEN HE GRABBED MY HAND
I'm usually the one who drags people around.
SHE HAS ABSOLUTELY NO SENSE OF DANGER!!
Too bad
YOU KNOW.
Reporting
I'M TRYING NOT TO WALK HOME ALONE AT NIGHT, RIGHT?
This is so wrong..

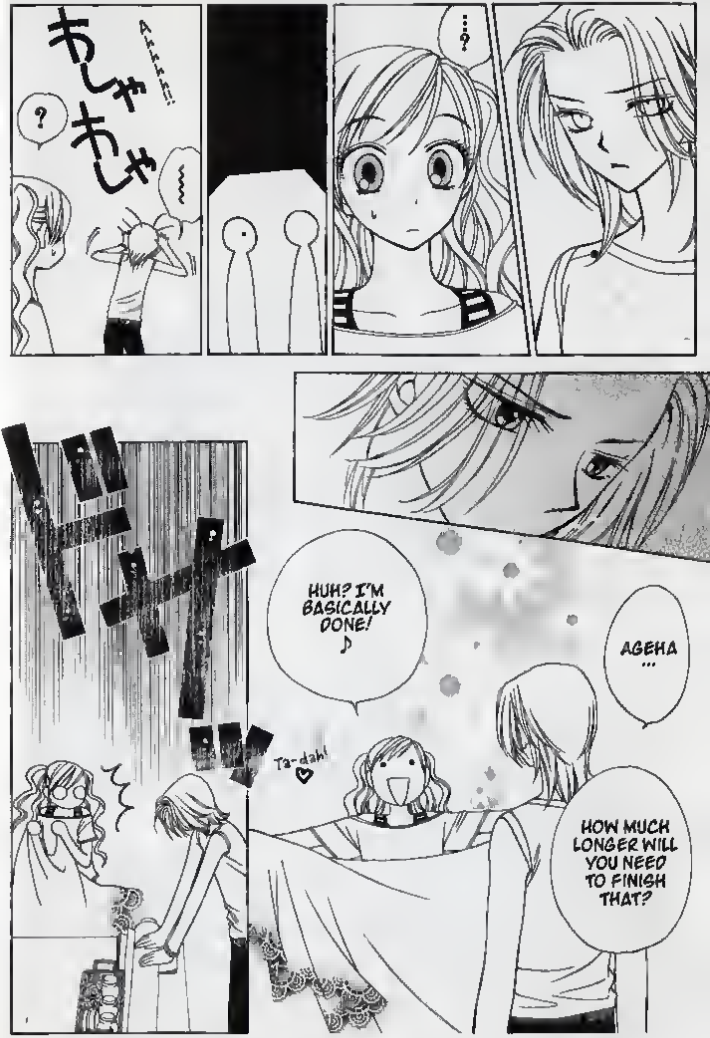
MITSU--
?!
Yuka-san's private room


I THINK I'M JEALOUS!!
WELL, LIKE I SAID--JUST TRY TO BE TRUE TO YOURSELF.
OKAY! I'M REALLY JEALOUS!!

What can I do?!
Yeah, I know.
Errr, jk!
Bzzzzt!!
YES, YES, THAT'S TRUE.
I HAVE A COMPLICATED PERSONALITY.

All that heart-throbbing and shivering...
MAYBE LIKING SOMEONE IS INHERENTLY NOT A CALM SITUATION.
Your screws look like they're all at once!
HAVE I ALWAYS BEEN THIS WAY?!
DIDN'T I USED TO BE COOL, CALM, AND COLLECTED?!!
REALLY?!
THOSE EYES COULD TWIST PEOPLE'S MINDS!!
Yeeeeek!
Refer to Chapter 11.
I didn't see that
COME ON, LOOK AT THAT. YOU LOOK AT THAT!!
Even he doesn't know what he's saying.
Hah
BUT YUKARI-KUN, DID YOU KNOW?
REGARDLESS OF WHETHER YOU LIKE AGEHA-CHAN..
..YOU'RE ALREADY SWINGING HER AROUND...
AND BEING SWUNG AROUND IN RETURN.
?!

NO GOOD CAN COME FROM OVER-ANALYZING.
Heh heh!
PSCHHT!
Whoops! Short circuit
BECAUSE THIS IS SOMETHING BEYOND LOGIC.
OH, ARISAKA-SAN.
I WAS WONDER-ING WHAT HAPPENED.
YOU LEFT SO SUDDENLY.
Is something wrong?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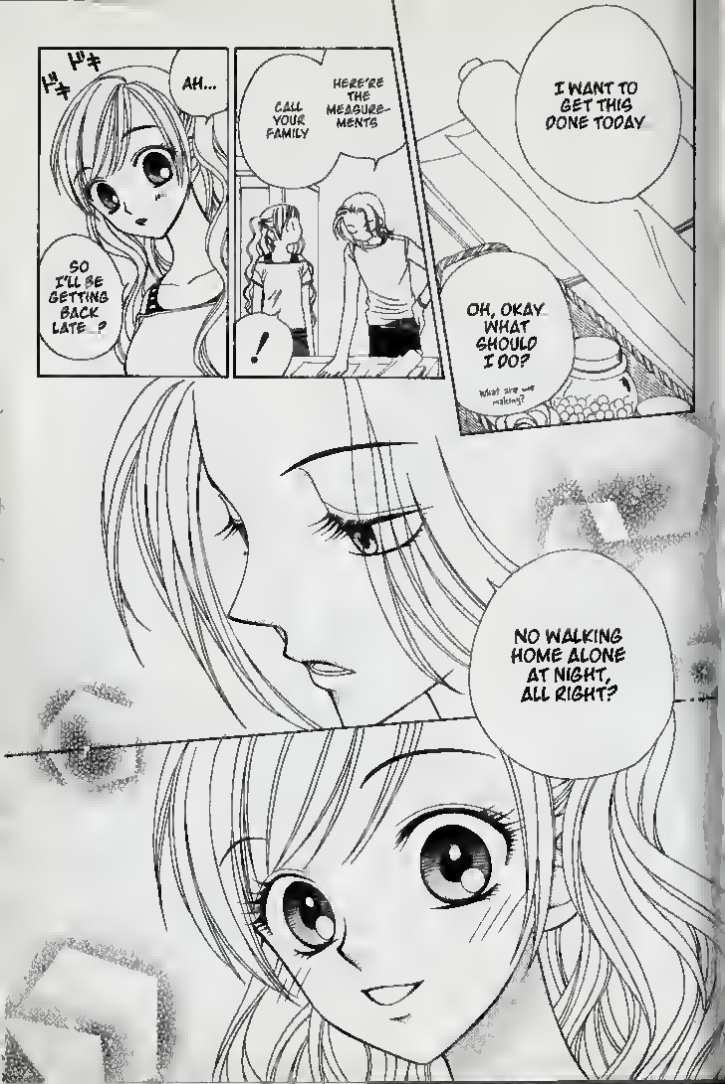
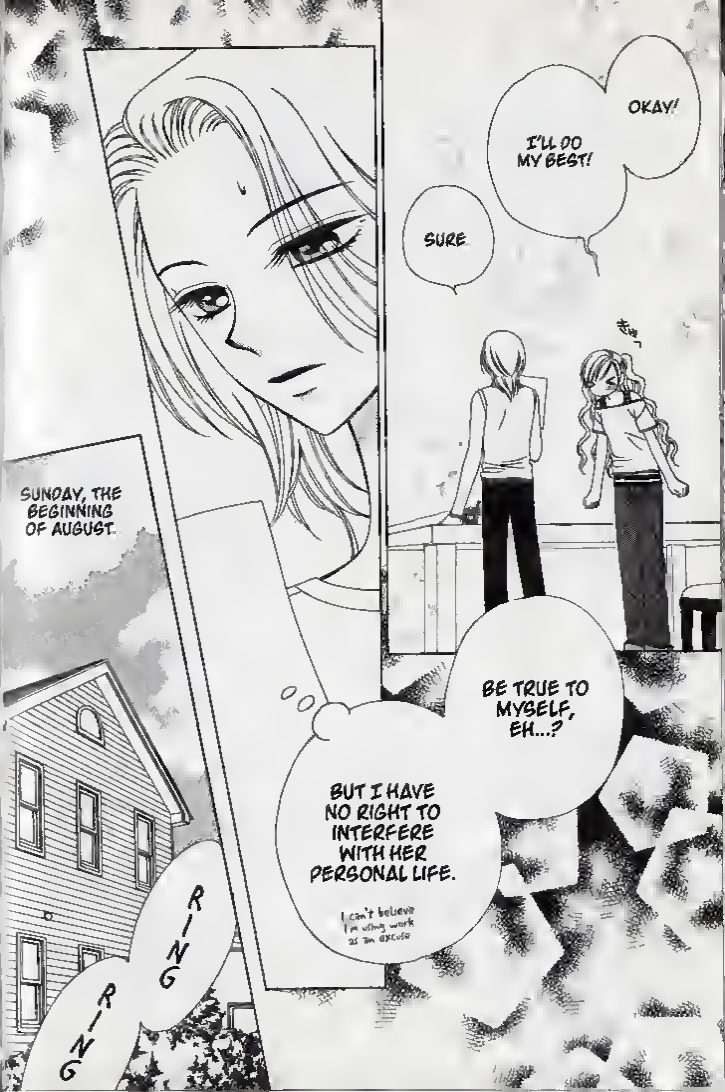
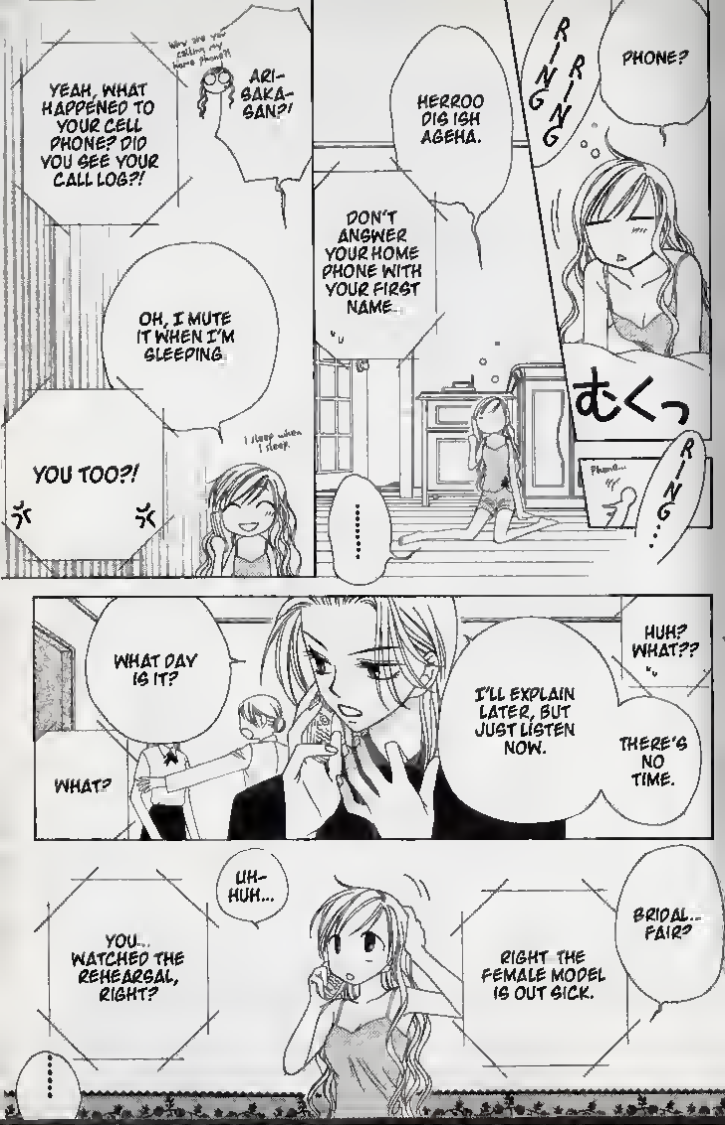
……?
HUH? I'M BASICALLY DONE! ♪
AGEHA …
Ta-dah! ♡
HOW MUCH LONGER WILL YOU NEED TO FINISH THAT?


I WANT TO GET THIS DONE TODAY
OH, OKAY WHAT SHOULD I DO?
What are we making?
HERE'RE THE MEASUREMENTS
CALL YOUR FAMILY
!
AH...
SO I'LL BE GETTING BACK LATE...?
NO WALKING HOME ALONE AT NIGHT, ALL RIGHT?


SUNDAY, THE BEGINNING OF AUGUST.
RING RING
I can't believe I'm using work as an excuse
BUT I HAVE NO RIGHT TO INTERFERE WITH HER PERSONAL LIFE.
BE TRUE TO MYSELF, EH...?
SURE
I'LL DO MY BEST!
OKAY!


PHONE?
RING RING
HERROO DIG ISH AGEHA.
DON'T ANGNER YOUR HOME PHONE WITH YOUR FIRST NAME.
むくっ
RING...
.....
ARI-SAKA-SAN?!
Why are you calling my home phone!?!
YEAH, WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR CELL PHONE? DID YOU SEE YOUR CALL LOG?!
OH, I MUTE IT WHEN I'M SLEEPING.
I sleep when I sleep.
YOU TOO?!
HUH? WHAT??
I'LL EXPLAIN LATER, BUT JUST LISTEN NOW.
THERE'S NO TIME.
WHAT DAY IS IT?
WHAT?
BRIDAL.. FAIR?
RIGHT THE FEMALE MODEL IS OUT SICK.
UH-HUH...
YOU... WATCHED THE REHEARSAL, RIGHT?
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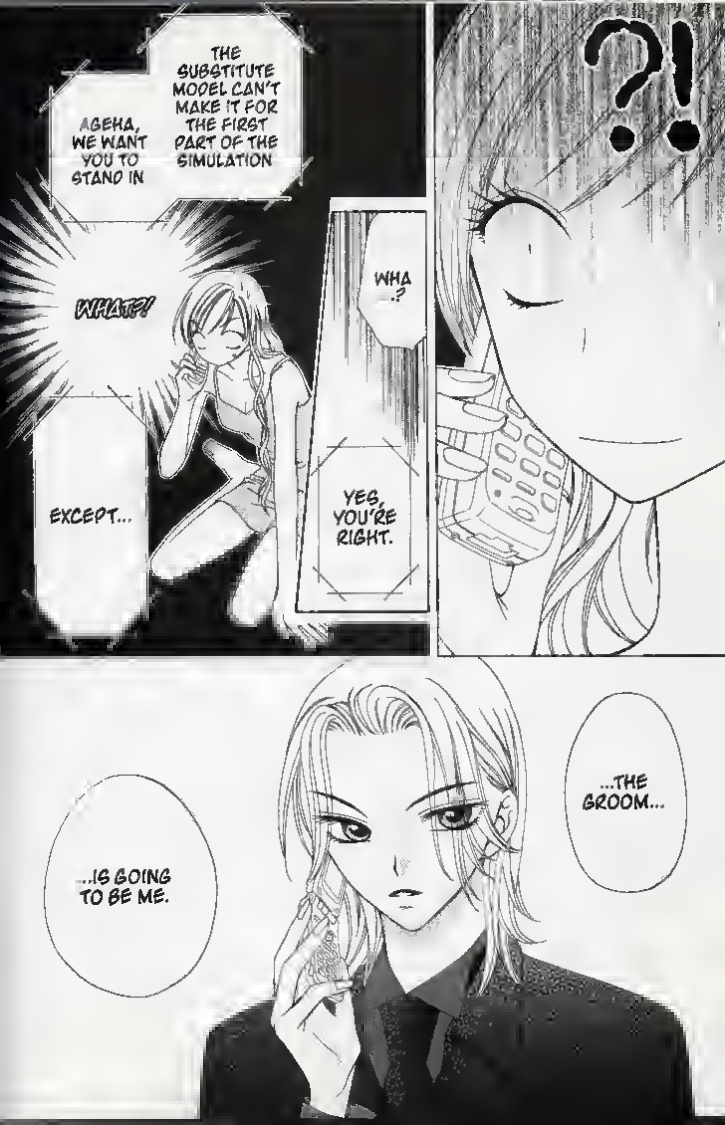
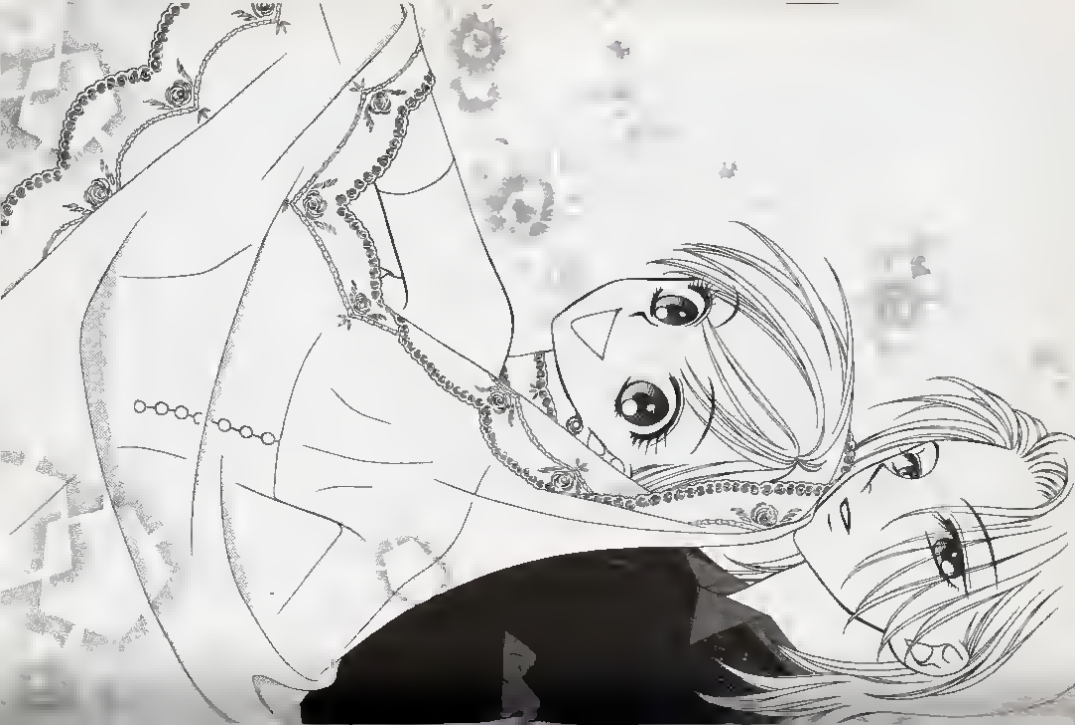

?!
WHA...?
YES, YOU'RE RIGHT.
AGEHA, WE WANT YOU TO STAND IN
THE SUBSTITUTE MODEL CAN'T MAKE IT FOR THE FIRST PART OF THE SIMULATION
WHAT?!
EXCEPT...
...THE GROOM...
...IS GOING TO BE ME.

MORNING.
THE FIRST SUNDAY OF AUGUST, THE DAY OF THE BRIDAL FAIR.
HUH?!
THE MODEL PLAYING THE BRIDE CAN'T MAKE IT?!
WHAT HAPPENED?
SHE DIDN'T SHOW UP FOR THE FINAL MEETING, SO I CALLED THE MODELING AGENCY.
I don't want to believe it, either.
FOOD POISONING.
That's what she said.
APPARENTLY, SHE WAS TAKEN TO THE HOSPITAL BY AMBULANCE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT.
ARE YOU SERIOUS?
THE AGENCY ONLY GOT A CALL FROM HER THIS MORNING.

YOU'RE THE ONLY PERSON I'D COME TO FOR A FAVOR LIKE THIS.
SEKI-GUCHI--
THERE'S NO WAY WE CAN GET ONE IN TIME FOR THE FIRST PART OF THE CEREMONY.
DO YOU HAVE A SUBSTI-TUTE?
WE'RE LOOKING FOR ONE NOW SO IT'S OKAY... BUT...
I WANT TO SAY...
PLEASE.
LET ME BORROW AGEHA-CHAN.



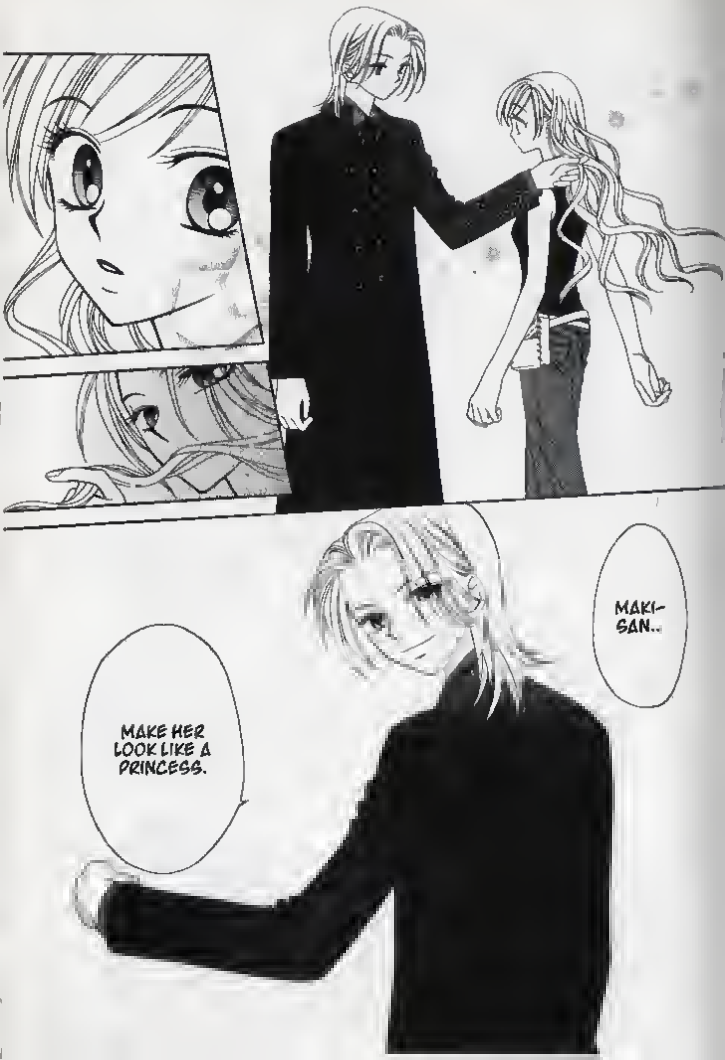
SO...
.THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED.
SPECIAL DELIVERY.
GO GET READY THERE'S NO TIME TO WASTE.
delivery man
Sakuyuchi is dressed in a maid outfit and she's the first one grabbed.
WHAT'S WRONG?
NO.. YES, UM..
She's in robot mode
I UNDERSTAND THE SITUATION.
Sort of
BUT!

WHY ARE YOU PLAYING THE GROOM?!
HUH?
Although you look fantastic!
YEAH, HE'S HERE.
ISN'T THE MEN'S MODEL HERE?!
WHAT DO MEAN, YEAH, HE'S HERE"?!
Still in shock.
I selected a suit from Rota to complement Yukari-kun
ARISAKA-SAN, YOU SAID YOU HATED THIS STUFF
...ARISAKA-SAN IS THE GROOM!! THE GROOM!!
IT'S JUST A SIMULATED CEREMONY, BUT
WHY ARE YOU...?
Posted Here by Yaoi Doppelganger

I THOUGHT YOU'D RATHER HAVE ME AS THE GROOM...
...THAN SOME RANDOM GUY YOU DON'T KNOW.
I'm sorry.
IT'S MY RESPONSIBILITY FOR GETTING YOU INVOLVED.
I EVEN REMINDED YOU ABOUT THE WHITE-DRESS JINX.
WHAT?
I DIDN'T EVEN HAVE TO ASK!!
Do what you will with me!!
IT'S TRUE THAT I'M THE TYPE.
WHO BELIEVES IN JINXES AND SUPER-STITIONS, BUT—
Hmm
"IDIOT, DON'T WEAR THAT IT'S A JINX. UNMARRIED WOMEN WHO WEAR A WHITE DRESS WILL MARRY LATE"
"ARISAKA-SAN, THIS WHITE DRESS IS CUTE!"
Whatt?
OH...
OH THAT.
That's right I have to wear a white dress.

YOU CAN'T STOP SOMETHING THAT'S ALREADY HAPPENED.
IT'S ALREADY DECIDED.
IT'LL BE ALL RIGHT.
EVEN IF IT COMES TRUE...
ポス ポス
I WON'T BLAME YOU.
Ha ha ha!
IT'S MAKING IT THROUGH THE CEREMONY IN ONE PIECE...
...THAT REALLY HAS ME WORRIED!

DID I...SAY SOMETHING FUNNY?
did I?
HEY, HEY!
HMM?
Ageha-chan, come on over here.
Okay!
OH, MAKI-SAN.
IF AGEHA-CHAN IS HERE...
...HURRY UP AND BRING HER IN.
OH, I'M SORRY.


MAKI-SAN..
MAKE HER LOOK LIKE A PRINCESS.

LEAVE IT TO ME.
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ず"...
SLAM
HERE, AGEHA-CHAN, SIT DOWN.

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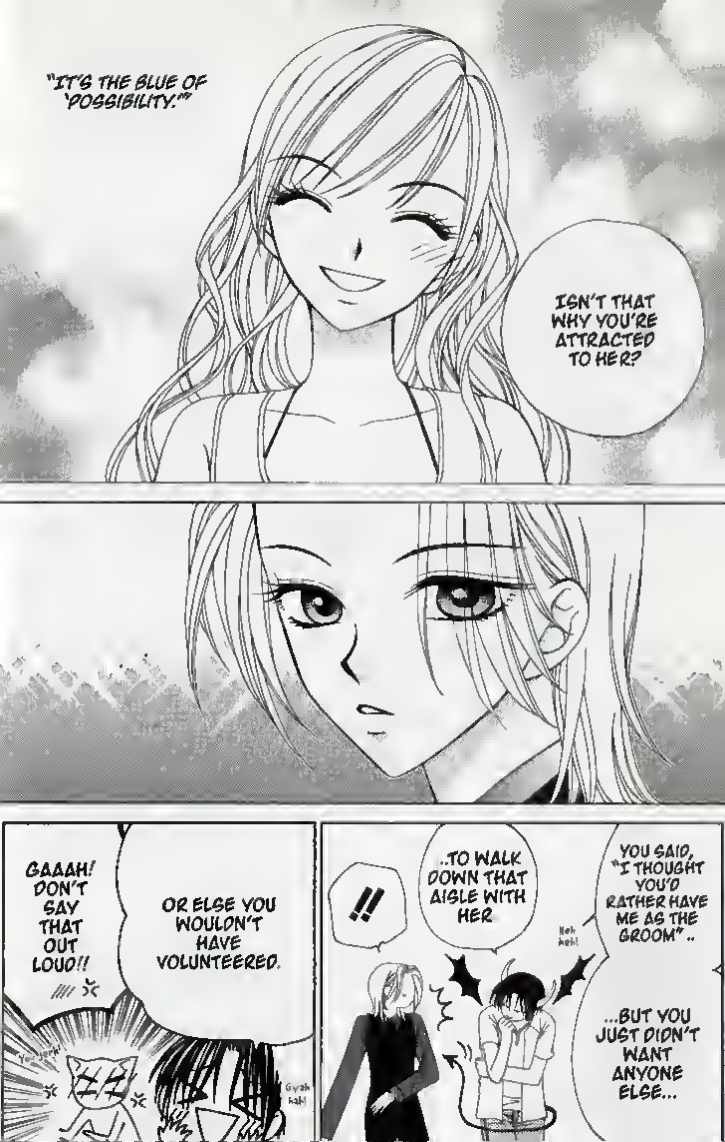
AGEHA-CHAN?!
MAYBE IT WON'T BE OKAY... AFTER ALL.
He said "princess"...
MAKI-SAN.
IS IT REALLY ALL RIGHT THAT I'M THE BRIDE?! AREN'T YOU HONESTLY THINKING, "OH MY GOD"?!
YEEK!
ARE YOU THINKING THAT?! YOU ARE, AREN'T YOU?!
HMMM...
WELL...
Calm down...
PRESSURE!

Hah...
I KNEW IT!!
Gah...
IT IS KIND OF RECKLESS.
You are still a high school girl. An amateur.
IF THEY DIDN'T, THEY WOULDN'T HAVE ASKED FOR YOU.
CON... FIDENCE?
Hey. Now sit down already.
ストン
BUT DON'T YOU THINK...
...THAT JUST PROVES THAT THEY HAVE CONFIDENCE IN YOU?
HUH?
WHAT WILL THE AUDIENCE THINK IF YOU LOOK PANICKED?
TODAY, YOU'RE A "HAPPY BRIDE."
YES. NOW HAVE A LITTLE FAITH IN YOURSELF!
WELL...

NGGAAH!
WE'VE GOT YUKARI-CHAN'S ORDERS TO OBEY.
NOW STRAIGHTEN UP!
SO LET'S DO IT.
We're all in the same boat here
This is between us
Mwah ha ha!
My friend!
(What?)
(Who?)
Duh... it hurts to speak...
LET'S MAKE YOU INTO A CHARMING PRINCESS BRIDE.
YOU KNOW, THE OTHER DAY...
THAT THING YOU SAID ABOUT MAGIC IT MADE ME HAPPY

DON'T WORRY ABOUT THE TIME, YUKARI-KUN
LEAVE IT TO MAKI-SAN
It starts at 11:30 A.M
OKAY
YEAH
Master Sakuyoshi is dashing around to different sites.
?
"IT'LL BE ALL RIGHT."
IT'S AMAZING
AT THE VERY LAST MINUTE
HER COURAGE COMES FLOATING UP OUT OF NOWHERE

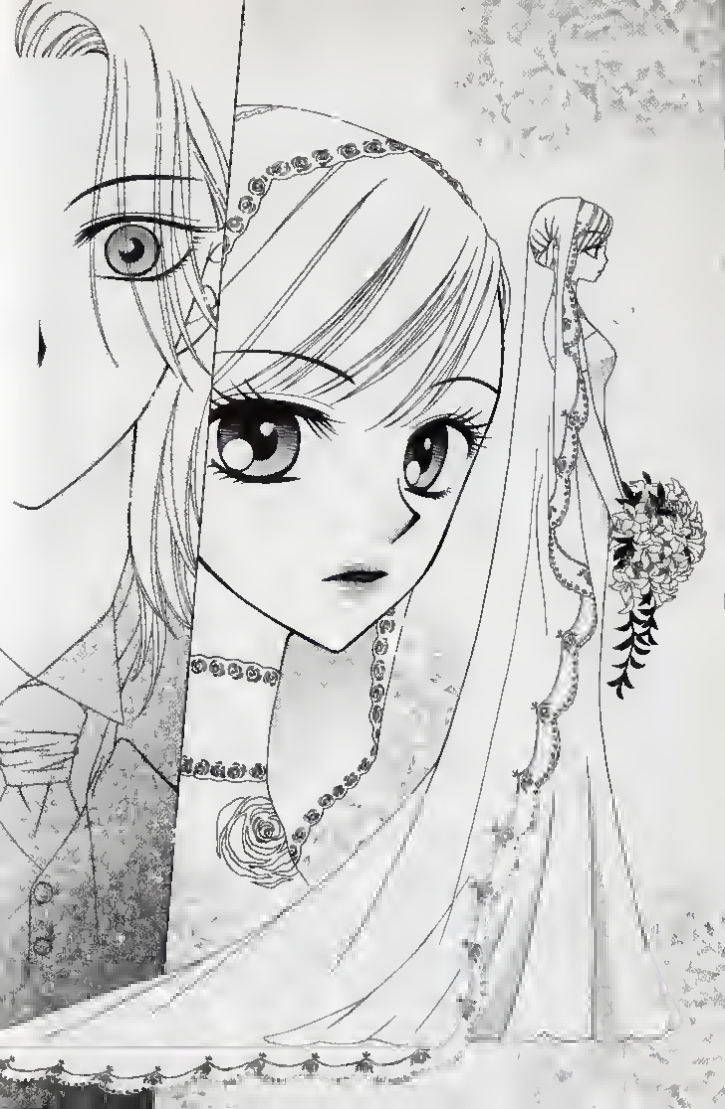
NATURE?
ISN'T THAT JUST HER NATURE?
MURMUR MURMUR
Ergh...no.
I can't think about that now.
SHE'S SO HONEST...
NO ULTERIOR MOTIVES.
I hate being called the worst!
KA-BOOM!
DOESN'T SHE ALWAYS BLURT OUT EXACTLY WHAT SHE THINKS?
AS SOON AS SHE FEELS SOMETHING--IT'S ALL OR NOTHING, EVERY DAY.
WHEN SHE MAKES A MISTAKE, SHE APOLOGIZES RIGHT AWAY.
I'm soooo sorry!
SHE ALWAYS TRIES HARD, NO MATTER WHAT.

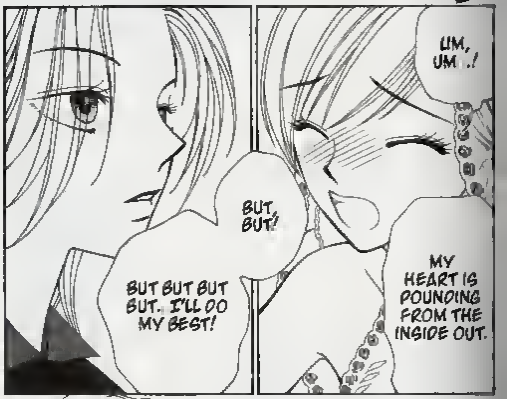

"IT'S THE BLUE OF 'POSSIBILITY.'"
ISN'T THAT WHY YOU'RE ATTRACTED TO HER?
GAAAH! DON'T SAY THAT OUT LOUD!!
OR ELSE YOU WOULDN'T HAVE VOLUNTEERED.
Gyah kah!
!!
..TO WALK DOWN THAT AISLE WITH HER
Keh keh!
YOU SAID, "I THOUGHT YOU'D RATHER HAVE ME AS THE GROOM"..
...BUT YOU JUST DIDN'T WANT ANYONE ELSE...

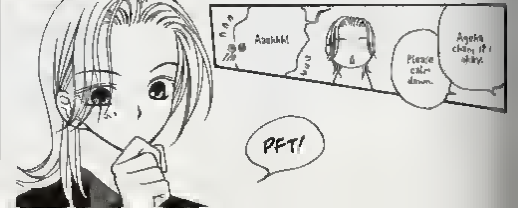
THE REST DEPENDS ON THE OTHER PERSON'S FEELING.
HEY, YOU SAID "ONE-SIDED".
All right all right Make Tin will scald You if you mess up your hair
YOU'LL NEVER BE SURE ABOUT ANYTHING.
...BUT IF YOU'RE TAKING THE TIME TO SEE THINGS FROM HER PERSPECTIVE...
...YOU'RE CERTAINLY NOT "IMPOSING YOURSELF" ON HER.
...UNTIL YOU ACTUALLY ASK EACH OTHER
DON'T LET YOUR ASSUMPTIONS KEEP YOU FROM MOVING FORWARD
Ugh

PLEASE MEET AT THE FOOT OF THE CHAPEL STAIRS.
THE BRIDE IS READY.
OKAY.
YUP! ♪ IT'S JUST LIP SERVICE, THOUGH. ♡
I NEVER DREAMED I'D HEAR THE WORD "PERSPECTIVE" COMING OUT OF YOUR MOUTH.
KNOCK
KNOCK
Don't let hell freeze over.
ポーッ!!
HOW ABOUT YOU TRY DOING WHAT YOU WANT FOR ONCE?

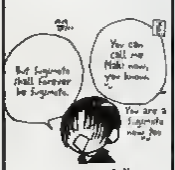
OH, HOW SPLEN-DID!
SO GROWN-UP! IT LOOKS GREAT, SON. DADDY IS SO HAPPY!
PIGS OFF! YOU'RE NOT MY DAD!
MY EYES DIDN'T DECEIVE ME
STOP CLINGING. GAWD, IT'S STIFFLING.
YUKARIIIII!
TAKE A LOOK OVER THERE
HUH?
GRRRR
SHE LOOKS SO LOVELY AND DIGNI-FIED
SEKI-GUCHI.







Kazuha appeared in Chapter 19, after a long time apart. If you don't know her already, you can stay oblivious! It doesn't affect anything anyway. (Laugh) She was the main character from my last series, and now she is a beautician, and she is Maki Sugimoto's wife. She has the same face as Rei-chan because she is Rei-chan's older sister. She still calls her husband by his last name! (Laugh) The readers pointed that out too. But that's very characteristic of Kazuha. I was happy that people noticed.



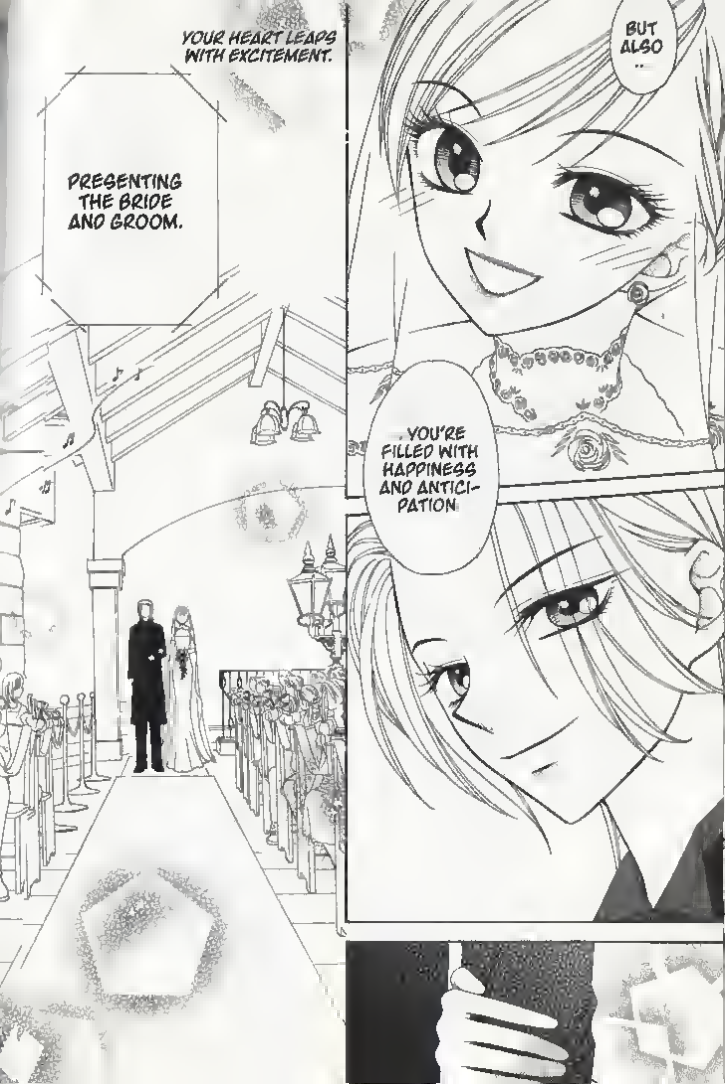
Kazuha is 5'4"

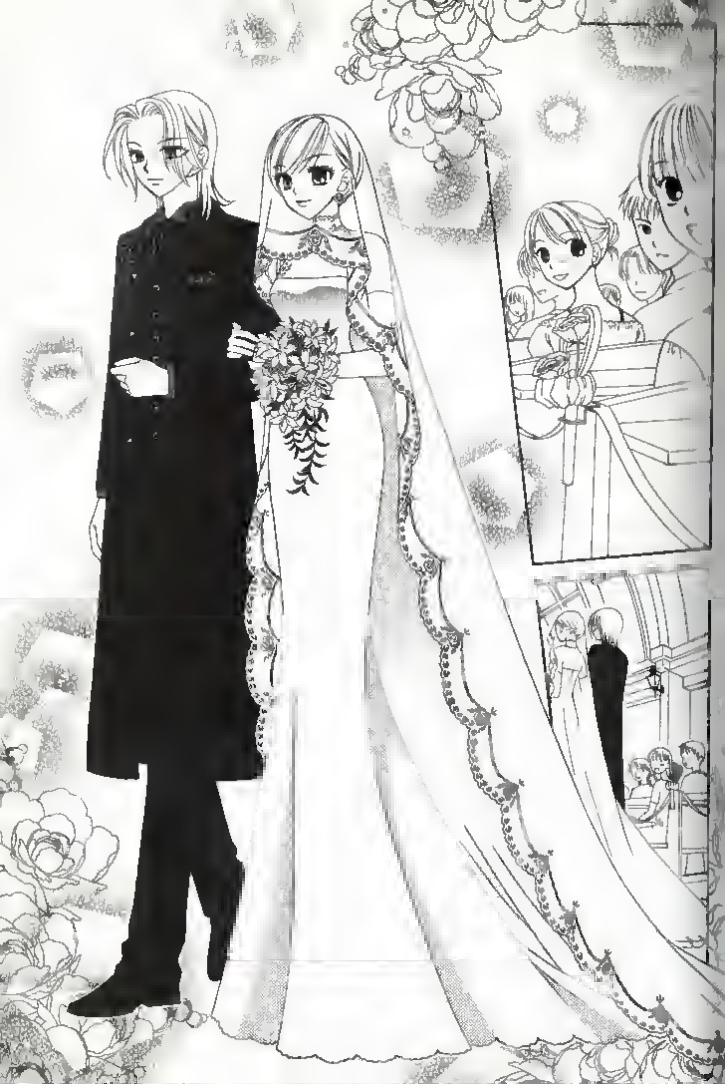
When I draw her comically, she's identical to Mitsu. (I tried pointing that out myself.) Mitsu is the one whose hair sticks up.

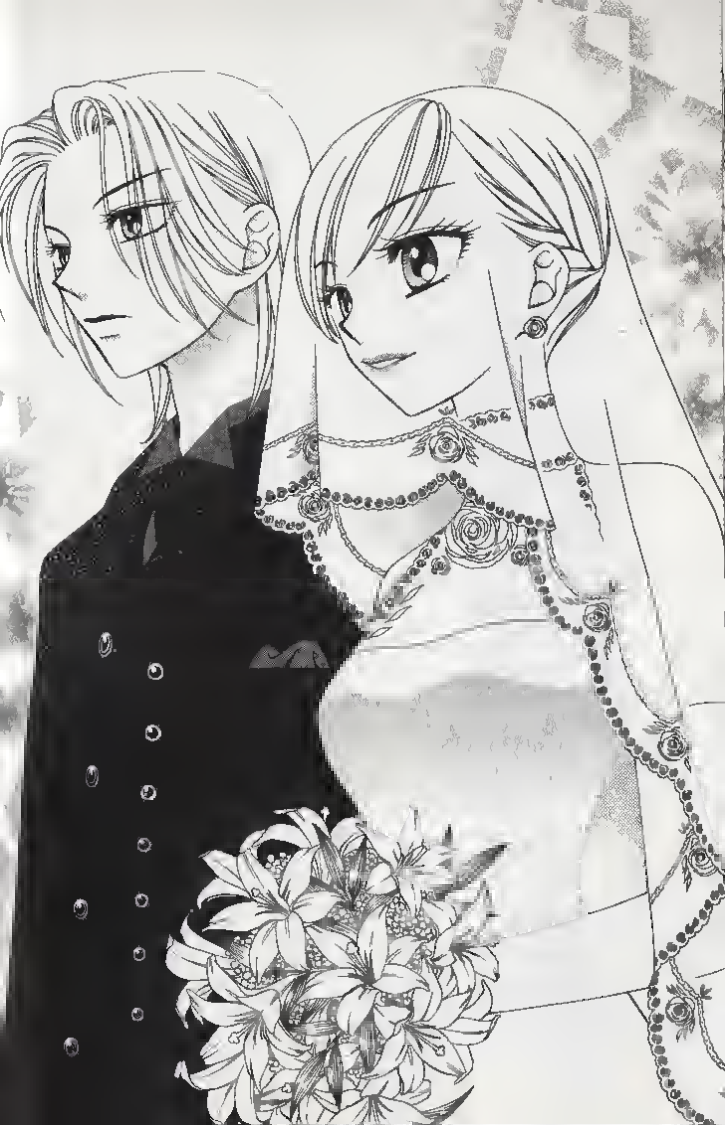
Now, in Chapter 21, Ageha is wearing a dress! It's the simulated ceremony! You love these kinds of situations, don't you, Ichika-san? Yes, I love them! (Laugh) So if you like it too, keep reading Velvet, please! Oh, about the long frock coat that Yukari is wearing... I thought, "If I'm going to have Yukari wear a suit, I'll make it something dark, so I made it all black. I think it's actually navy, though. Yes.

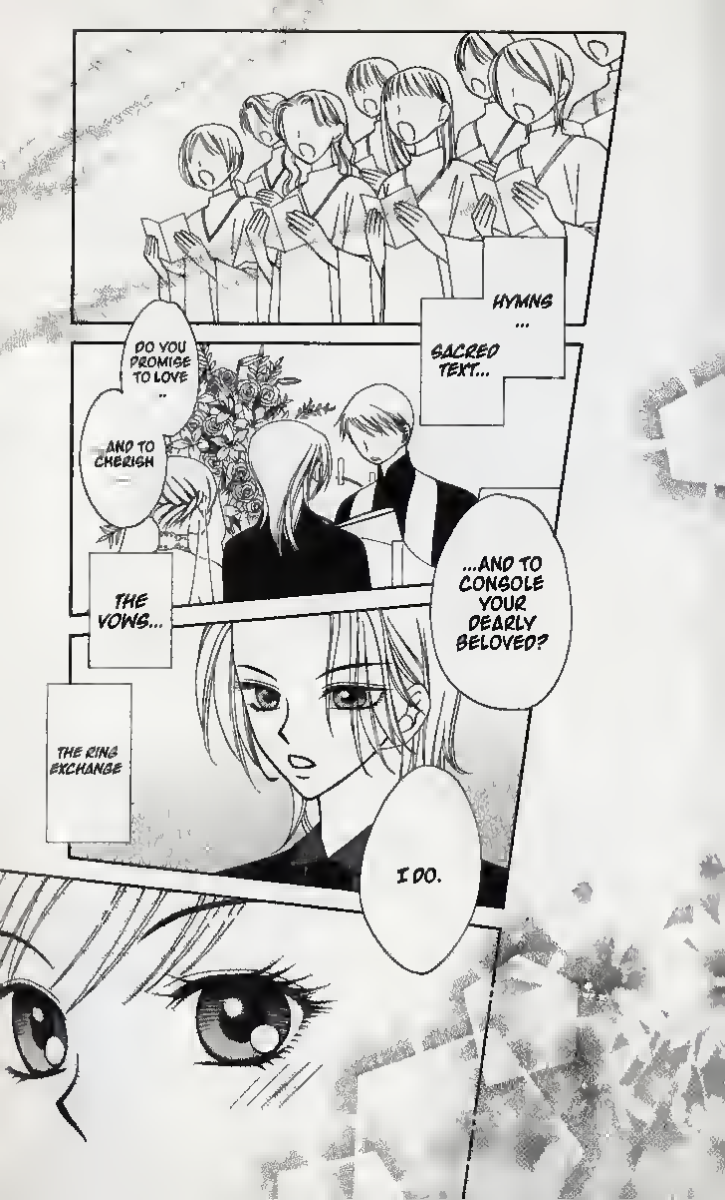
INSIDE, SHE'S STILL THE SAME
THAT'S RIGHT.
YEAH.
RE-REALLY?
NO, THAT WASN'T WHY I LAUGHED.
OMIGOD! DO I LOOK WEIRD OR SOMETHING?!
WAH!
HERE.
TODAY, YOU'LL GO DOWN THE AISLE AND BACK AGAIN WITH ME AT YOUR SIDE.
THE SIMULATION IS DIFFERENT FROM A REAL CEREMONY.
I'M HERE, AREN'T I?

BEYOND THOSE STEPS IS A HOLY CHAPEL.
I WONDER IF MY SISTER FELT THIS WAY TOO.
AND A GALLERY OF FUTURE BRIDES AND GROOMS.
LIKE WHAT?
IT'S TIME.
YEAH ...
I'll try not to trip.
WHAT IS IT?
WALKING BESIDE THE ONE YOU LOVE MAKES YOUR HEART POUND.
WALKING DOWN THE AISLE WITH THE ONE YOU LOVE
NERVOUS-NESS
ANXIETY


YOUR HEART LEAPS WITH EXCITEMENT.
PRESENTING THE BRIDE AND GROOM.
BUT ALSO ...
...YOU'RE FILLED WITH HAPPINESS AND ANTICI-PATION.






HYMNS ...
SACRED TEXT...
DO YOU PROMISE TO LOVE ..
AND TO CHERISH
THE VOWS...
...AND TO CONSOLE YOUR DEARLY BELOVED?
THE RING EXCHANGE
I DO.

W-WELL, AT LEAST I GOT THEM LAUGHING.
The objective changed
Oh, there it goes!
...AND TRY AGAIN IT WILL BE FINE.
IF IT JAMS, JUST CALM DOWN..
H-HUH? THE RING DOESN'T FIT??
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..IT'S STILL PRETTY EMBARRASSING.
I KNOW IT'S A SIMULATION, AND THERE'S EVEN OUTSIDE COMMENTARY, BUT...
...THE VEIL IS LIFTED.
TO SHOW THAT NOTHING NOW STANDS BETWEEN THEM...
IT'S JUST PRETEND, ALL PRETEND, PRETEND.
OH THAT'S RIGHT, WE HAVE TO DO THIS PART.
IT'S JUST PRETEND, BUT IT'S STILL EMBARRASSING!!

Y'KNOW..

I HAVE TO GO BACK TO THE STORE LIKE THIS I HAVE AN APPOINTMENT FIRST THING IN THE AFTERNOON.
OH.
Mitu already left
Aoki's coming

...I SAW ARISAKA-SAN'S FAINT BLUSH...

...AND I WAS SUDDENLY RELIEVED...

...BECAUSE I REALIZED HE'S PROBABLY A LITTLE SHY TOO.

THE BRIDE AND THE GROOM NOW EXIT. EVERYBODY, PLEASE BLESS THEM WITH A WARM ROUND OF APPLAUSE.

CLAP

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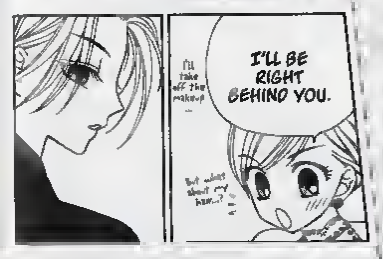

WELL, SORRY!
NAH! AT LEAST NOT AS MUCH AS YOU AND KUROMINE-SAN.
Ha ha!
HUH?
HEY, ARE YOU ALWAYS GLUED TO YOUR FRIENDS ON YOUR DAYS OFF?
NO, I MEANT..
You guys are close
LEAVE AN EVENING FREE SOME-TIME.
WE'LL GRAB DINNER AFTER I FINISH WORK.

"HOW ABOUT YOU TRY DOING WHAT YOU WANT FOR ONCE?"

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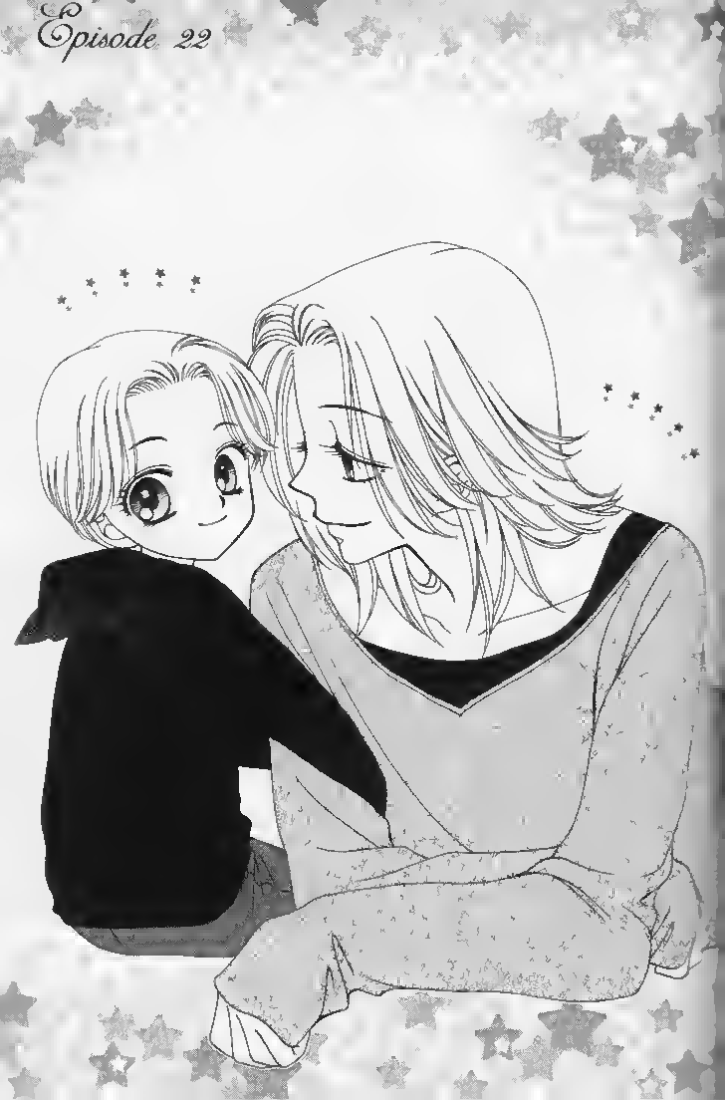
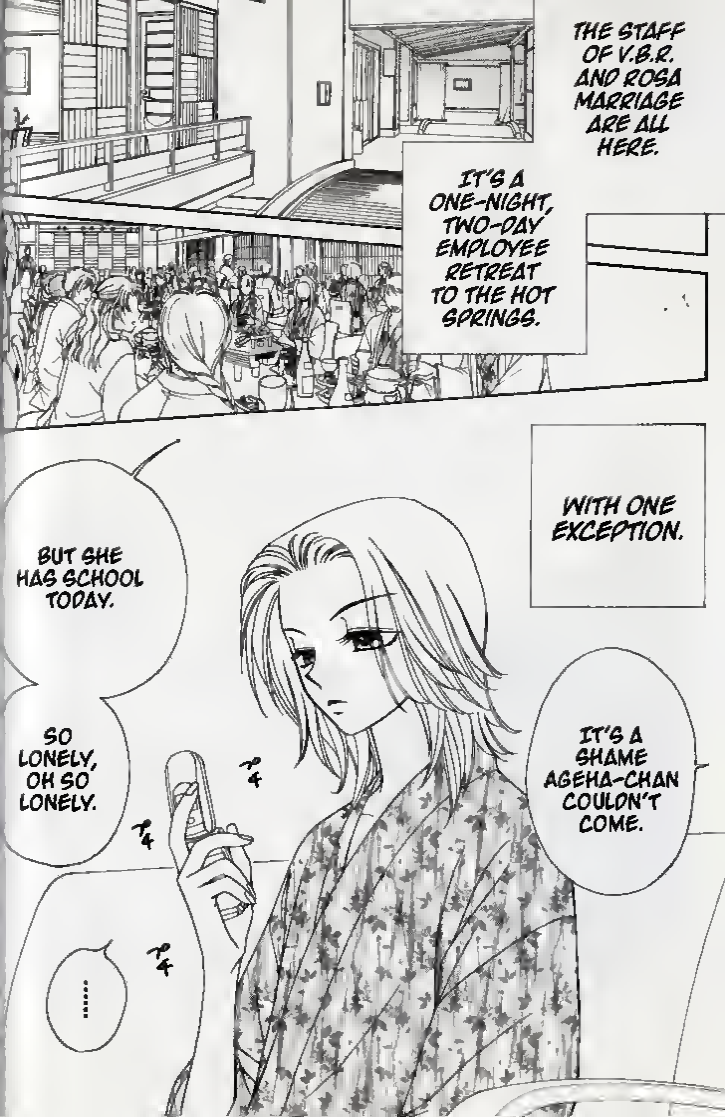
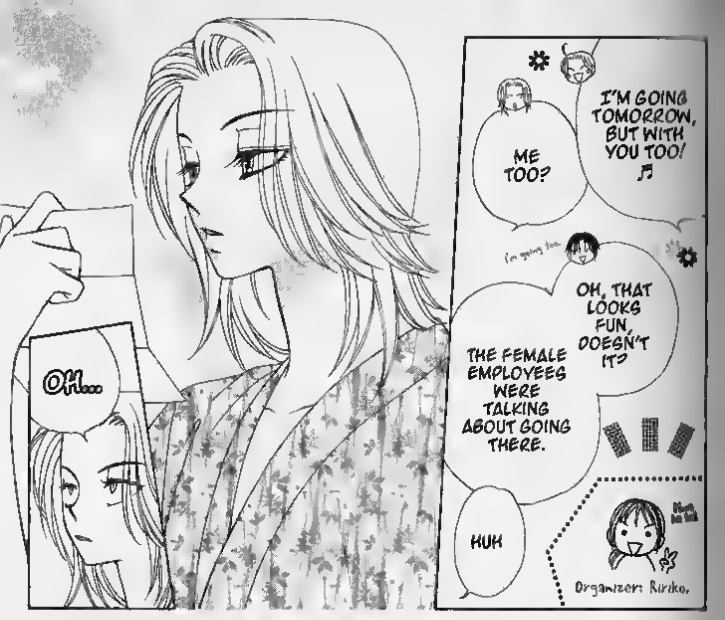



THE STAFF OF V.B.R. AND ROSA MARRIAGE ARE ALL HERE.
IT'S A ONE-NIGHT, TWO-DAY EMPLOYEE RETREAT TO THE HOT SPRINGS.
WITH ONE EXCEPTION.
BUT SHE HAS SCHOOL TODAY.
SO LONELY, OH SO LONELY.
IT'S A SHAME AGEHA-CHAN COULDN'T COME.
.....

ABOUT MAKI-SAN...
HE SAID YOU TWO LOOKED PRETTY GOOD TOGETHER AT THE CEREMONY.
UGH.
OH, YUKARI-KUN, HOW COLD!
YOU KNOW FULL WELL THAT PEOPLE IN OUR BUSINESS HARDLY EVER GET TO TAKE TRIPS TOGETHER.
YOU SOUND LIKE MAKI-SAN.
WHAT-EVER.
WE'RE GOING BACK TOMORROW.
BEEP

DON'T BE SILLY, YUKARI-KUN.
LATELY YOU SEEM TO GET A KICK OUT OF WATCHING ME SQUIRM.
AFTER SHE GOT BACK...
...AGEHA-CHAN DID SEEM STRANGELY HAPPY.
MITSU!!
SINCE WAY BACK THEN?!
Ha ha!
I'VE BEEN THAT WAY EVER SINCE I MET YOU! ♥
カラカラカラ

SLIDE
UH-HUH.
REINA-CHAN BLOW-DRIED IT FOR ME, LIKE WHOOSH, WITH A DRYER!
OH, SAKURA, DID YOU DRY YOUR HAIR?
ZZZZZ
THAT'S GREAT!
THE BATH WAS SO REFRESHING, BIG BROTHER!
カポーン。
Sakura-kun came over here ♪
HEE HEE!
It's too bad
IF AGEHA-CHAN HAD COME, I COULD'VE BATHED WITH HER.
WHAT DO YOU HAVE IN YOUR HAND, SAKURA?
HMM?
WHAT SHOULD I DO...? MY FEELINGS ARE SO COMPLICATED.
HE'S STILL YOUNG ENOUGH TO BE ACCEPTED IN THE WOMEN'S BATH.
WHEE!
4-year-olds are so lucky...
Big brother worried about his womanizing baby brother's future


Oh...
I'M GOING TOMORROW, BUT WITH YOU TOO! ♫
ME TOO?
I'm going too.
OH, THAT LOOKS FUN, DOESN'T IT?
THE FEMALE EMPLOYEES WERE TALKING ABOUT GOING THERE.
HUH
Organizer: Ririko.

SHIZUYA PISSED OFF AGEHA-CHAN AGAIN?
PROB-ABLY
Yeah, I send her a funny replay
And then replays!
From: Ageha
Subject: Are you enjoying the trip? (^_^)/
Tomorrow I'm doing battle with Shizuya-kun!
WHAT DO YOU THINK THIS IS?
HEY, MITSU
HM?
IT'S A TEXT FROM AGEHA.

THE NEXT DAY.
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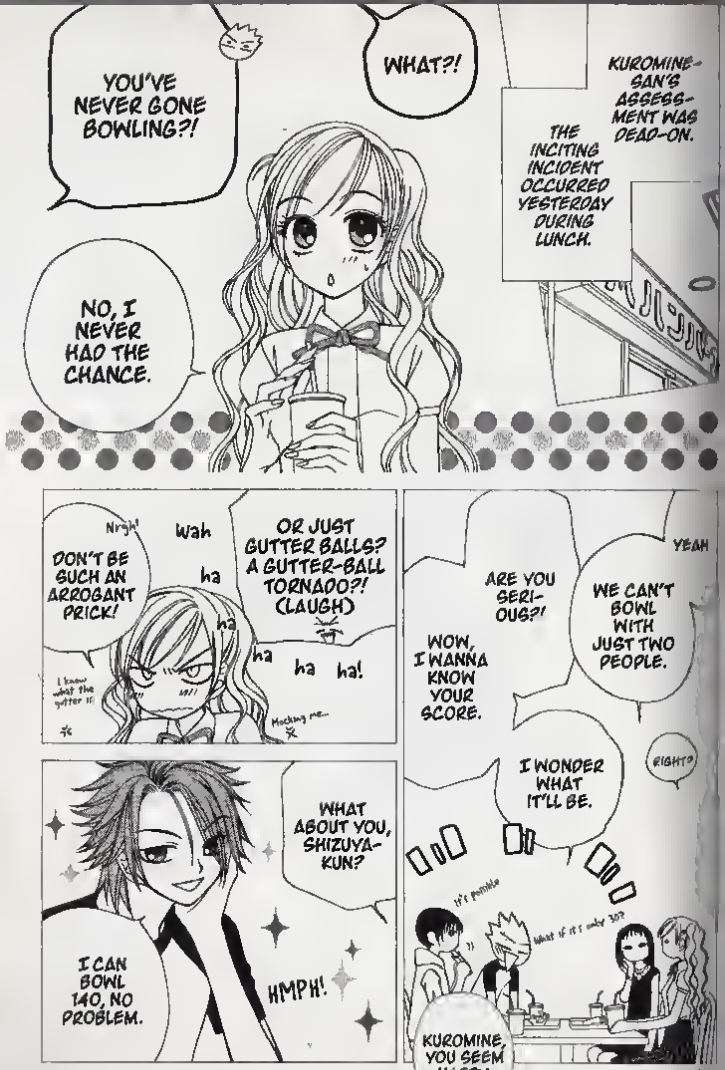
Ha ha!
Hee
IT'S AN INDOOR BOWLING BATTLE!


YOU'VE NEVER GONE BOWLING?!
WHAT?!
KUROMINE-SAN'S ASSESSMENT WAS DEAD-ON.
THE INCITING INCIDENT OCCURRED YESTERDAY DURING LUNCH.
NO, I NEVER HAD THE CHANCE.
DON'T BE SUCH AN ARROGANT PRICK!
Nrgh!
Wah
ha
OR JUST GUTTER BALLS? A GUTTER-BALL TORNADO?! (LAUGH)
ha
ha
ha
ha!
I know what the gutter is!
Mocking me~
ARE YOU SERI-OUS?!
YEAH
WE CAN'T BOWL WITH JUST TWO PEOPLE.
WOW, I WANNA KNOW YOUR SCORE.
I WONDER WHAT IT'LL BE.
RIGHT?
WHAT ABOUT YOU, SHIZUYA-KUN?
I CAN BOWL 140, NO PROBLEM.
HMPH!
It's terrible
What if it's only 30?
KUROMINE, YOU SEEM HAPPY.
After school, today met for lunch.

UGH, THAT'S WHY I CAN'T STAND NEWBIES.
IT'S OKAY.
IS THAT GOOD?
She has no idea.
Sakashita, lay off!
One-hundred forty?!
it's not a bad score.
Excellent.
MY BEST SCORE IS 192.
YOU'RE KIDDING!!
WHAT?!
WHEN I'M IN THE GROOVE, I SCORE ABOUT 170.
Neglected.
No big deal. Here ed
Wow, Mamori-chan, you're good
Sakashita, that's awesome
THINK WHAT YOU LIKE.
WHAT THE HELL, YOU GUYS.
I DON'T BELIEVE IT!!
whatever

ぴちん
Hee hee!
WHY DON'T YOU MAN UP AND ADMIT THAT YOU LOST?
...
ぴちん
YOU DON'T KNOW THAT UNTIL I TRY.
SHUT UP...
New nickname.
..."GUTTER QUEEN."
SHOULD WE STOP THEM?
OH, THEY'VE STARTED FIGHTING.
I GUESS IT'LL BE A BOWLING BATTLE.
WHAT, YOU WANNA TRY ME?!
ALL RIGHT THEN, LET'S DO IT.

LET'S JOIN IN.
SHE'LL BEAT HIM DOWN UNTIL HE'S EXHAUSTED.
キラーン
NO.
Wow!
Hi-ya!
カコーン
End of recap
SO HERE WE ARE.
THOSE ARE BIG WORDS.
BRING IT ON!
YOU'LL SEE. I'M AT A WHOLE OTHER LEVEL.
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WE'RE STARTING FROM THERE?
Oh my.
?
Please tell me
BY THE WAY, WHAT ARE THE RULES?
First timer
WHAT A SIMPLE EXPLANATION.
OKAY!
...AND THROW THE BALL ANY WAY YOU LIKE.
WATCH OUT FOR THE FOUL LINE...
That's not even the rules or anything...
Thanks.
Here's the ball.
Hee hee.
I KNOW THAT MUCH!!
IF YOUR BALL FALLS INTO THE DITCH, IT'S A GUTTER BALL.
FOOL
Jasmine
ROCK, PAPER...
Scissors
Rock
SCISSORS.
ALL RIGHT, LET'S START.
I'LL SHOW YOU!!

PLEASE, THROW THE BALL YOUR WAY--INTO THE GUTTER.
HA HA HA HA! HILARIOUS!
She wins
First pair: Ageha and Mamoru.
Kurumiya...if you get too cocky, you'll catch hell later.
IT'S OKAY. AGEHA, WHO DO YOU THINK YOU'RE PAIRED UP WITH?
..WHAT?
See ya!
Aaah! I'm not ready.
I WANTED TO GO SECOND SO I CAN SEE WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE
MAMORU-CHAN, YOU'RE SO COOL!
Love!
SQUEE!
WHEN SAKAGHITA SAYS THAT, YOU JUST CAN'T DENY IT, HUH?
YOU CAN'T, YOU CAN'T.
GODDESS OF VICTORY.
I'VE NEVER ONCE LOST.

AND I GOT A CHEERING TEXT FROM ARISAKA-SAN.
THAT'S TRUE.
I HAVE A STRONG ALLY ON MY SIDE BY THE NAME OF MAMORU-CHAN.
Go win.
Is that cheering?
I CAN DO THIS!!
HI-YAH!

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SUPER-SLOW BALL?!

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Kyaa!
Kyaa!
Kyaa!
IT'S LIKE DOMINOES!!
SLOW-BALL MIRACLE STRIKE!!
ぴょん♪
ぴょん♪
CRUSH THE SLOW BALL!!
とっ
I DON'T REALLY WANT TO DEFEAT SAKASHITA...
I CAN'T BE BEATEN BY THAT!!
Waaaah!
DO YOUR BEST (JUST YOU).
OKAY.

This job involves both happy and painful things, but one of the happy things is the fact that they make character goods for my series ♥. (But I've actually never seen them being sold, so I get excited and sigh with relief when customers write to me saying, "I bought one")

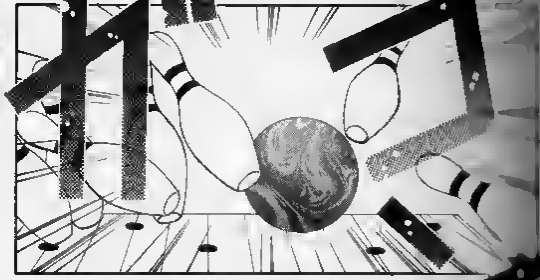
Postcards and memos make me happy!! The 5 x 5 x 5 block memo that was made for my last series, *The Tears of the Lamb*, is lovely. It's my favorite.

The characters are printed on the outside, but the more you use it, the more they fade, so I haven't used it much.

I heard they're making something for *V.B.R.* too! I'm excited!

Oh, this is off topic, but thank you to everyone who bought the limited-to-30 printography with Hotaka's autograph (limited-edition print) last summer at the *Hana to Yume* event. It's framed, but I included some sketches on the back!

I'm sorry I'm an idiot for those of you who have one of them, please take a look when you have some time on your hands.



I'M SORRY, MAMORU-CHAN. I'M TERRIBLE AT THIS.
BUT THE ONES LEFT ARE ON THE ENDS.
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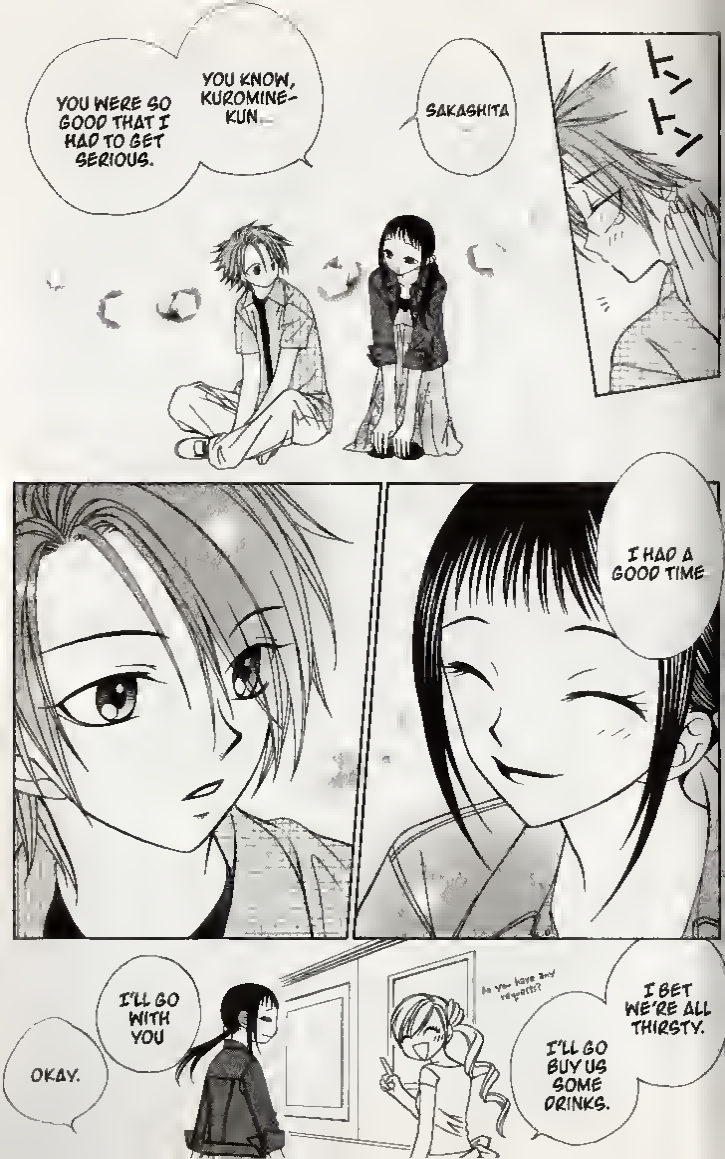
GOOD JOB, SHIRO! YOU GOT EIGHT DOWN.
Nice slow ball.
THAT'S ALL RIGHT, AGEHÁ
←Make over. Pretty kind.
...I NEVER GIVE UP.
And then I do my best to get a strike. Or we'll be lucky if Rui can score a spare ♪
AFTER ALL..
IT'S PROBABLY BEST IF SHE PICKS ONE OF THEM.
ガコッ
HMM?
...WHEN MY PREY IS IN SIGHT...

SPARE?!
Kick.
MAMORU-CHAN, YOU'RE AWESOME.
THAT WASN'T BAD
When you take down all of the pins on the second shot
WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT STUNT? WHO THE HELL IS SHE?!
SO SHE WASN'T LYING WHEN SHE SAID SHE'S NEVER LOST.
I'm scared...
In shock.
ARE YOU SERIOUS?!

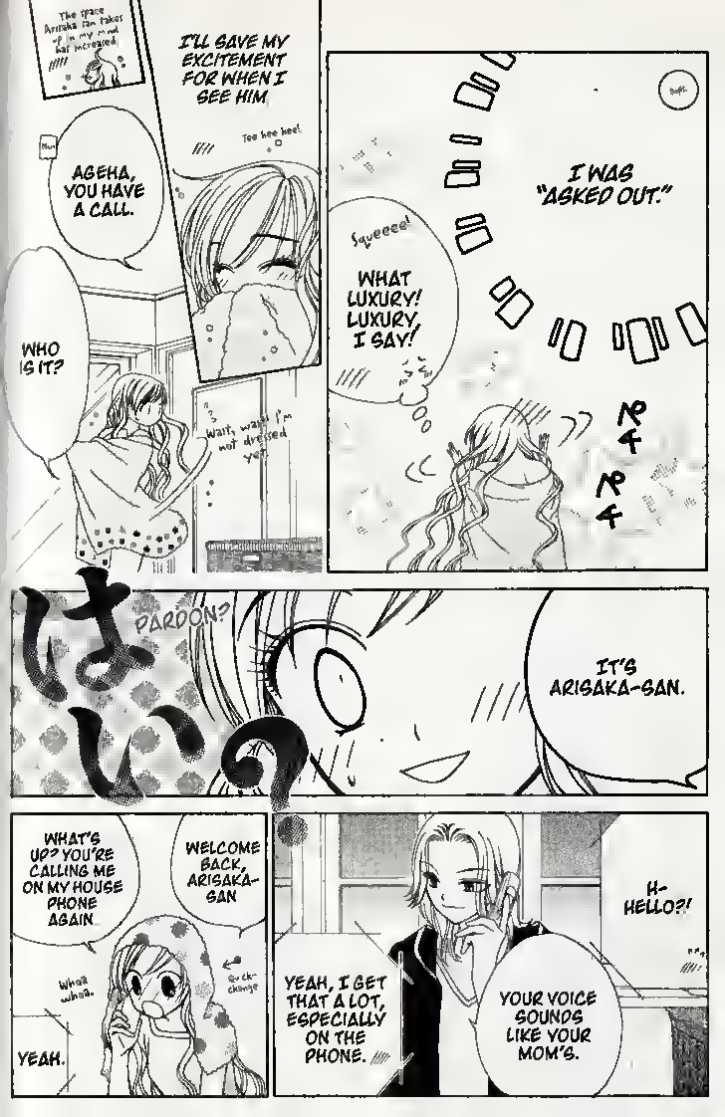
MAMORU-CHAN, YOU GOT A SPARE AGAIN!!
AKIYOSHI, DON'T LET YOUR GUARD DOWN.
カコーン
MY SLOW BALL MAY BE BETTER THAN I THOUGHT!
OOH!
SAKA-SHITA, WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU?!
ペーラ
I DON'T WANT TO BE SAKASHITA'S ENEMY!!
ポトン
A lot fell over
I HAVE TO BOWL A STRIKE.
Leave it to me when it comes to supporting Ageha
Common knowledge

AND THE RESULTS:


YOU WERE SO GOOD THAT I HAD TO GET SERIOUS.
YOU KNOW, KUROMINE-KUN...
SAKASHITA
I HAD A GOOD TIME
I'LL GO WITH YOU
OKAY.
Do you have any requests?
I'LL GO BUY US SOME DRINKS.
I BET WE'RE ALL THIRSTY.

I COMMEND YOU.
ぱか～!!!!
AKIYOSHI ...
I THINK I REALLY DO LIKE HER.
She's great
WHAT OTHER FUN THINGS CAN WE DO TO ANNOY KUROMINE-KUN? ♪
BEEP
Jeez
Hee
They do look good together
This is how Mamoru demonstrates her love
EXPOSED!!
MAMORU-CHAN KIND OF LIKES SHIZUYA-KUN.
PHEW.
ARISAKA-SAN MUST BE ON HIS WAY HOME BY NOW
THAT WAS GREAT
On the ground reporting
I HOPE HE SAW MY VICTORY TEXT! (LAUGH)
Heaven, heaven!

. .I WANT TO TELL HIM ALL ABOUT THE GREAT DAY I HAD
I WANT TO HEAR ABOUT HIS TRIP TOO
IT WAS TOO BAD THAT I COULDN'T GO ON THE TRIP WITH HIM, BUT ..
IT REALLY IS A BIT LONELY ON DAYS WHEN I DON'T GO TO WORK.
"LEAVE AN EVENING FREE SOME TIME."
"WE'LL GRAB DINNER AFTER I FINISH WORK."


The grace Arisaka-san takes up in my mind has increased.
I'LL SAVE MY EXCITEMENT FOR WHEN I SEE HIM
Mom
AGEHA, YOU HAVE A CALL.
Tee hee hee!
WHO IS IT?
Wait, wait! I'm not dressed yet!
I WAS "ASKED OUT."
Squeee!
WHAT LUXURY! LUXURY, I SAY!
はい?
PARDON?
IT'S ARISAKA-SAN.
WHAT'S UP? YOU'RE CALLING ME ON MY HOUSE PHONE AGAIN
WELCOME BACK, ARISAKA-SAN
Whoa whoa.
Ouch-chimp
YEAH.
H-HELLO?!
YEAH, I GET THAT A LOT, ESPECIALLY ON THE PHONE.
YOUR VOICE SOUNDS LIKE YOUR MOM'S.

I CAN'T WAIT 'TIL MY NEXT DAY AT WORK!
THERE'S SO MUCH I WANT TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT AND ASK YOU ABOUT.
CONGRATS.
THANK YOU! ♪
IT'S ALL THANKS TO YOUR TEXT MESSAGE.
WHAT? THAT THING?
Really?
YOU DIDN'T PICK UP.
SO I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT'VE MUTED YOUR CELL.
Just in case.
Ha ha ha.
I WAS JUST TAKING A BATH.
I'm all fresh!
I SEE. SO YOUR FIRST TIME BOWLING RESULTED IN VICTORY.
Yet, it's true.
STAY WHERE YOU ARE. I'LL BE RIGHT OVER.
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OKAY.
Huh?
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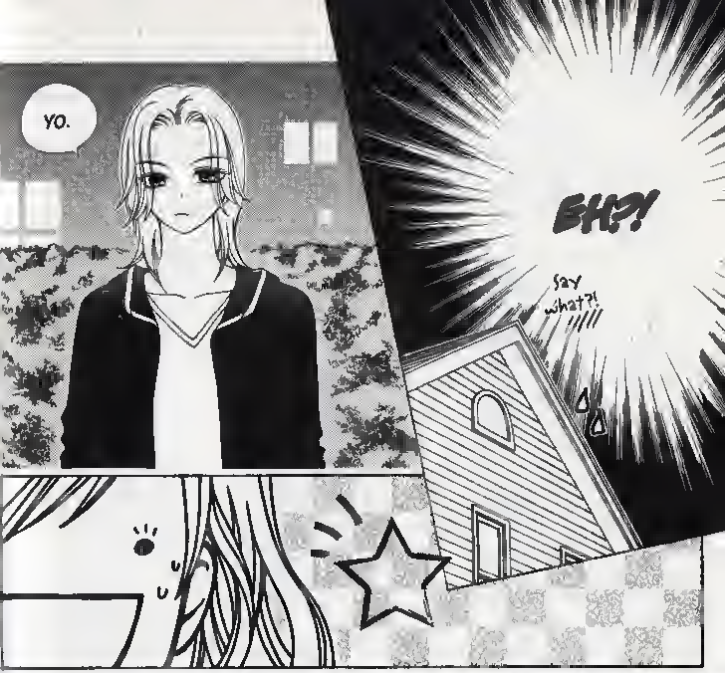
Um?
Ack!
OOPS, I ACCIDENTALLY SAID IT OUT LOUD.
A-ARI...


YO.
EH?!
Say what?!

Like the day of the brutal fear
THERE'S A REASON I CAME HERE.
OTHERWISE I WOULDN'T CALL YOUR HOME PHONE.
R-REALLY?
PHEW
He actually came...
HUH?
I...I'M SORRY.
WAS I BEING SELFISH?

YEAH, HERE.
HUH? WHAT'S THIS?
It's so tiny and cute.
IT'S A SOUVENIR.
I WANTED TO GIVE IT TO YOU TODAY
CAN I OPEN IT?
I wonder what it is.
BA-DUMP BA-DUMP
GO AHEAD
THAT'S WHAT I CAME OVER HERE FOR.
FOR REAL?!
AAAH!
THANK YOU SO MUCH.
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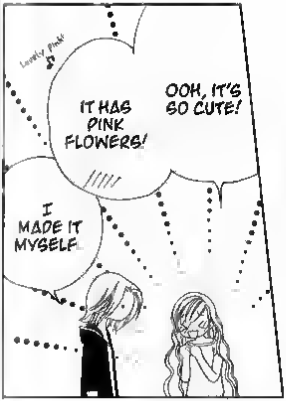

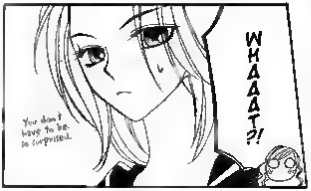

Oh my gosh, oh my gosh
It's so cute
This is it! I chose this destination so I could come here!!
Organizer Rinka-
TODAY WE WENT TO A WORKSHOP
WHERE YOU CAN MAKE YOUR OWN ACCESSORIES
WOW, THAT SOUNDS LIKE FUN
YEAH, IT WAS PRETTY FUN
Like your crush

A BRACELET?!

WOW...

..I KNEW I HAD TO MAKE YOU ONE
IT'S NOT MUCH, BUT
THE COLOR WAS PRETTY
..AND WHEN I SAW THE PAMPHLET ..
UM..
YOU KNOW I'M ALWAYS ON THE SIDE OF "MAKING THINGS."
SO
..THIS KIND OF PRESENT REALLY..

...MEANS A LOT TO ME.
THANK YOU SO MUCH. I'LL TREASURE IT.
MY FIRST BOWLING EXPERIENCE WAS FUN, AND...
...OF COURSE I LOVE THE SPARKLY BRACELET.
BUT...
...HIS "I KNEW I HAD TO MAKE YOU ONE" LINE...
...WAS WHAT REALLY TOUCHED MY HEART.

Episode 23

Instructions to V. 12

Hi my cool artist!
Sawri-san, here you go. It's from T sensei
I got a White Day gift from Ohma-san's friend.
What?! I can have it?!
Good morning
Really?
It made me smile when I saw it
Go ahead. It's really cute.
Can—can I take a look at it?! Can I?!
I'm so happy
Wow. Eh? It says something on the bag.
Black paper bag
Contains stag beetles.
Two.
Please take good care of them.
Beetles?!

I laughed so hard.

He always helps me out.

The bag contained T sensei's handmade, super-cute Petit Brice doll in a lovely outfit. Professional touch.

Thank you so much for the excitement and laughter!

Please play catch with me some time! (laugh)

THE HANDMADE BRACELET ARISAKA-SAN GAVE ME...

...WAS SPARKLY PINK, WITH A FLOWER MOTIF.

IT REPRESENTS THE WAY I FEEL NOW...

...SO IT'S MY VERY, VERY SPECIAL TREASURE.

AGEHA-CHAN, HOW'S THIS?
OH, THAT'S CUTE.
Eee!
AND THE COLOR IS PRETTY! ♥
IT'S ALMOST THE END OF AUGUST.
THEY'RE ALREADY STOCKING FALL ITEMS...
SIGH
...SO YOU TEND TO GET DISTRACTED.
I KNOW.

SUMMER BREAK IS ALMOST OVER.
HEE
HEE
I bet this would look good on Mamoru-chan
TODAY, I WENT SHOPPING WITH...
...MAMORU-CHAN AND NAT-CHAN

...NEXT WEEK I'M GOING ON A DATE WITH ARISAKA-SAN.
IT'S BECAUSE...
I'M LOOKING FOR CLOTHES TO MATCH THE BRACELET.
I can't decide.
Hmm
The person who asked her out.
I can't believe it!
A peach-colored aura?!
LET'S TAKE A QUICK PEEK AT THAT MEMORY
HEE
HEE
I'M SO HAPPY.
THANK YOU.
Happy dance
Oh, no problem.
Arrow!
I'LL TREASURE IT.
MY SPARKLY BRACELET

Heh
AH!
HERE, GIVE IT TO ME
ひょいっ
OH MY GOSH...
SOMEHOW..
. MAKES EVERYTHING HE DOES LOOK GOOD
. ARISAKA-SAN

DONE
IT, IT'S
UHH... THANK YOU.
ニヨーン
ニヨーン
I'M SUDDENLY SO EMBARRASSED.
DO YOU HAVE ANY PLANS NEXT MONDAY NIGHT?
I'M COMPLETELY OPEN! ☆
OKAY, THEN KEEP IT THAT WAY.
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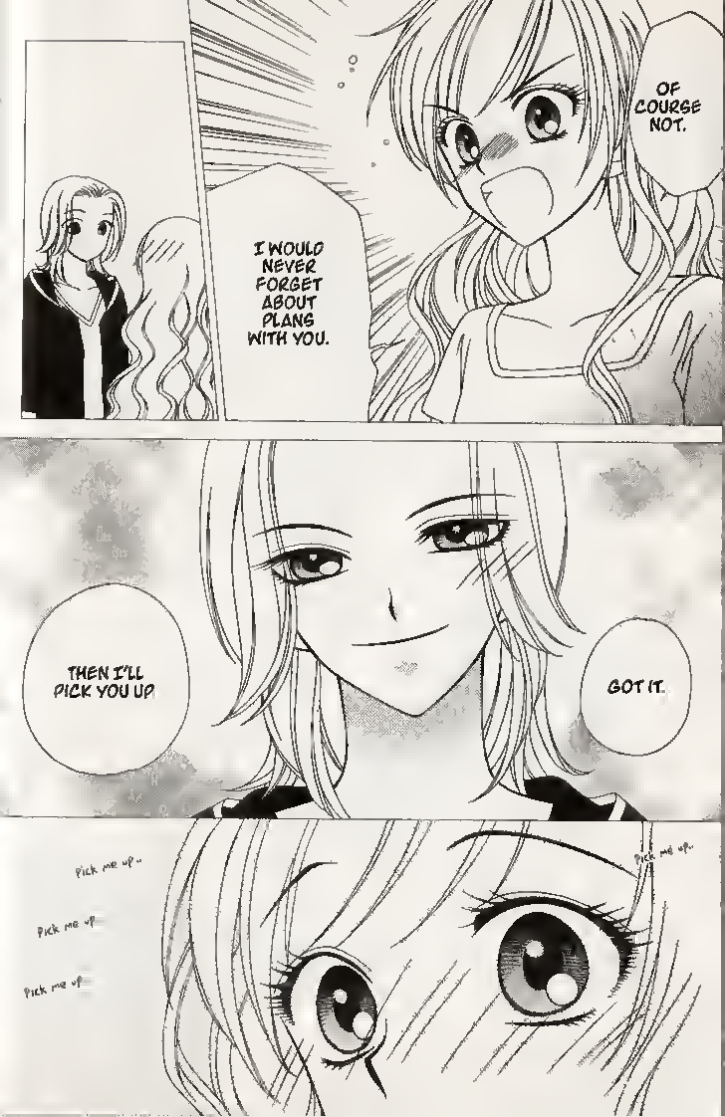
WHAT?!
HUH? DID YOU FORGET WHAT I SAID THE OTHER DAY?
SUSPICIOUS BEHAVIOR.


I WOULD NEVER FORGET ABOUT PLANS WITH YOU.
OF COURSE NOT.
THEN I'LL PICK YOU UP.
GOT IT.
Pick me up~
Pick me up~
Pick me up~
Pick me up~

HE'S SO BAD FOR MY HEART!!
Reality.
No, that's not good. It sounds like the wrong kind of "pick up" is imminent!!
OKAY, WE'RE ENDING THE MEMORY NOW!!
ドッキン ドッキン
Nooo!
ドッキン
Joo
CAN I EAT IN FRONT OF HIM IN THE STATE I'M IN?!
LIKE DENIM.. JEANS.
I GUESS CASUAL.
Oh, this camisole is cute.
Oh, you returned from your visit to dreamland?
WELL..
WHAT KIND OF IMAGE DO YOU WANT TO HAVE?
HMM?
WHAT SHOULD I WEAR, MAMORU-CHAN?
HUH HUH..
AND THEN
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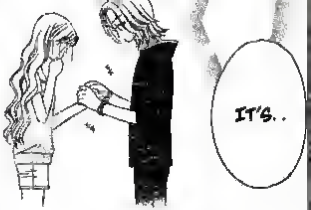
NO GOOD...?!
Silence...

Heart of a troubled maiden.

...IF IT'S TOO "DATE-ISH"...
...THEN I LOOK LIKE I'M TRYING TOO HARD, AND IT'LL BE EMBARRASSING.
W-WELL, I WANT TO WEAR A CUTE DRESS-- I DO. BUT...
A MAIDEN'S WAVERING EMOTIONS.
...SHE SEEMS HAPPY.
MOST OF ALL, I WANT HER TO WEAR CUTE CLOTHES.
JEANS ON A FIRST DATE...
THAT'S VERY CHARACTERISTIC OF AGEHA. I DON'T LIKE HIM HAVING HER ALL TO HIMSELF...BUT...
WOMANLY DESIRE.
I WANT TO INTERFERE, BUT I CAN'T OFFER HER...
...CLOTHES THAT DON'T LOOK GOOD ON HER.. I'M SO HONEST!! CURSE MY INTEGRITY!!
THAT GUY HAS AN UNFAIR ADVANTAGE.
I'M NOT WELL-POSITIONED.
What?! S-Stop. Please stop thinking about me
GOOD VS. EVIL.

A T-shirt!
It's three quarter sleeved I can still wear it in Fall!
THIS T-SHIRT IS NICE AND SIMPLE.
HMMM.
AGEHA, DON'T YOU THINK THIS WOULD BE GOOD?
Adorable
THIS WOULD WORK WELL WITH DENIM TOO
Uh
BY THE WAY, YOU'RE TRYING TO MATCH WITH YOUR ACCESSORY, RIGHT?
WHAT?
WHY DIDN'T YOU WEAR YOUR BRACELET?
Phew You save me, Ariska san
SO HONEST..
Yes, go ahead.
Can we try these on?
It's good with roll-up
Ma Mameru-chan..
...element, and it's not too girly!
Re...really?
Ok okay
wear this on the other


IT'S..

I MUST TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION.
A DISTORTED AURA IS LEAKING FROM HIM.
But the doesn't disapprove.
Curse him...
Curse him...

IT'S TOO PRECIOUS TO WEAR.

YOU'RE SURROUNDED BY SOMETHING DARK AND COLD, YUKARI-KUN.
MITSU.
I THINK I'M JEALOUS AGAIN.
AGAIN?!

This one has more points on the danger scale...
WHAT IS IT THIS TIME?
SHE'S GOING SHOPPING WITH THAT GUY WITH THE SCARY AURA.
Gulp
She mentioned something like that
I SEE
They don't get along
サラサラ
ポン!!
Boorish Demon
悪霊退散
TAKE THAT!

So, this is the last column. Thank you for reading this far.

Thank you to everyone who helped me and took care of me and to all the readers out there who are reading this book.

Also, also, people often write in letters, "I missed the supplementary gift!" or, "I didn't know there was an autograph session!" If you like, I would love for you to check out our manga magazine occasionally. In *Hana to Yume* Volume 16 (Sold 7/20 2005), a summery vinyl tote bag designed by Hidaka comes as a supplement. It was really fun designing it. I'm anxious to see the final product because when I checked the printed copy on paper, I loved the color.

I would be very pleased if you send me response letters to Volume 4.

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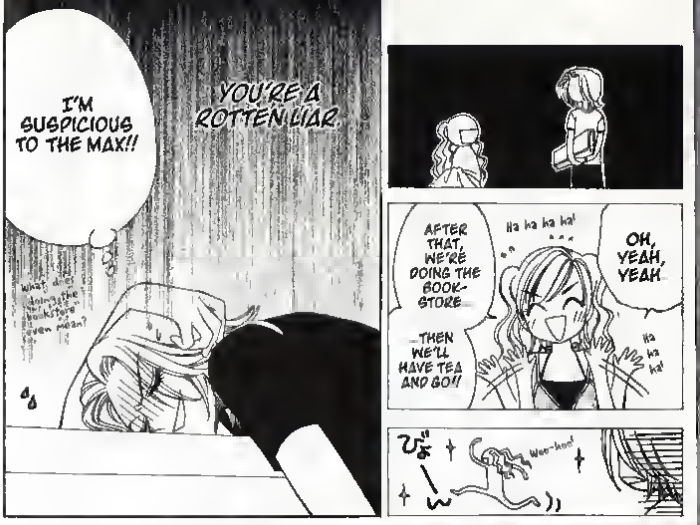
I will be waiting. It's the source of my energy!

Secretly sold at V.B.B. others include "Love Life Success" (?) by Aritaka.

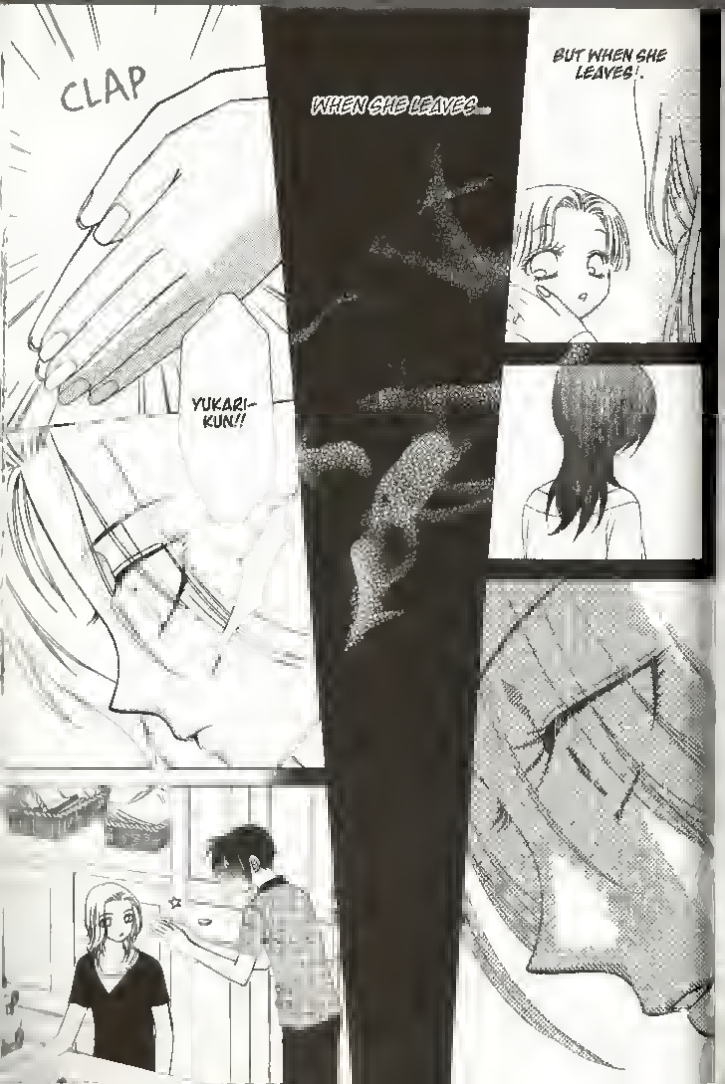
"OH, SHOPPING?"
YOU REALLY LIKE REPORTING TO ME.
HUH?
DO YOU THINK SO?! ISN'T IT NORMAL TO TALK ABOUT DAILY LIFE?
THAT'S CALLED REPORTING
THAT VARIETY STORE YOU MENTIONED


I'M SUSPICIOUS TO THE MAX!!
YOU'RE A ROTTEN LIAR.
What does "after the bookstore" even mean?
AFTER THAT, WE'RE DOING THE BOOK-STORE...
...THEN WE'LL HAVE TEA AND GO!!
Ha ha ha ha!
OH, YEAH, YEAH
Ha ha ha!
Woo-hoo!

IT'S FINE WHEN I CAN KEEP AN EYE ON HER.

...BECAUSE SHE CALMS ME DOWN JUST BY BEING THERE

I ALWAYS GET MESSED UP WHEN IT COMES TO AGEHA.


CLAP
YUKARI-KUN!!
WHEN SHE LEAVES...
BUT WHEN SHE LEAVES!

I KNOW.
MITSU.
THAT'S A BAD HABIT.
Huh.
DON'T CALL IT A DATE.
Ohh?
YUKARI-KUN, YOU'RE GOING ON A DATE!
DON'T SWEAT THE SMALL STUFF.
DID YOU HEAR, MS. BUNNY? HE'S SHY!
HEY! I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF YOUR BACK-TALK LATELY.
Tee hee hee!
You bastard!
WATCH OUT, OR I'LL SWEEP YOU RIGHT OFF YOUR FEET.

WHAT? KANA?!
I SHOULD USE THIS CHANCE TO ASK OUT KANA-CHAN.
OOOH! I GOT IT!
DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME. JUST MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS.
I WOULDN'T MIND BEING SWEPT AWAY BY YOU! ♥
YUKARI-KUN, LET'S GO ON A DATE! ♡
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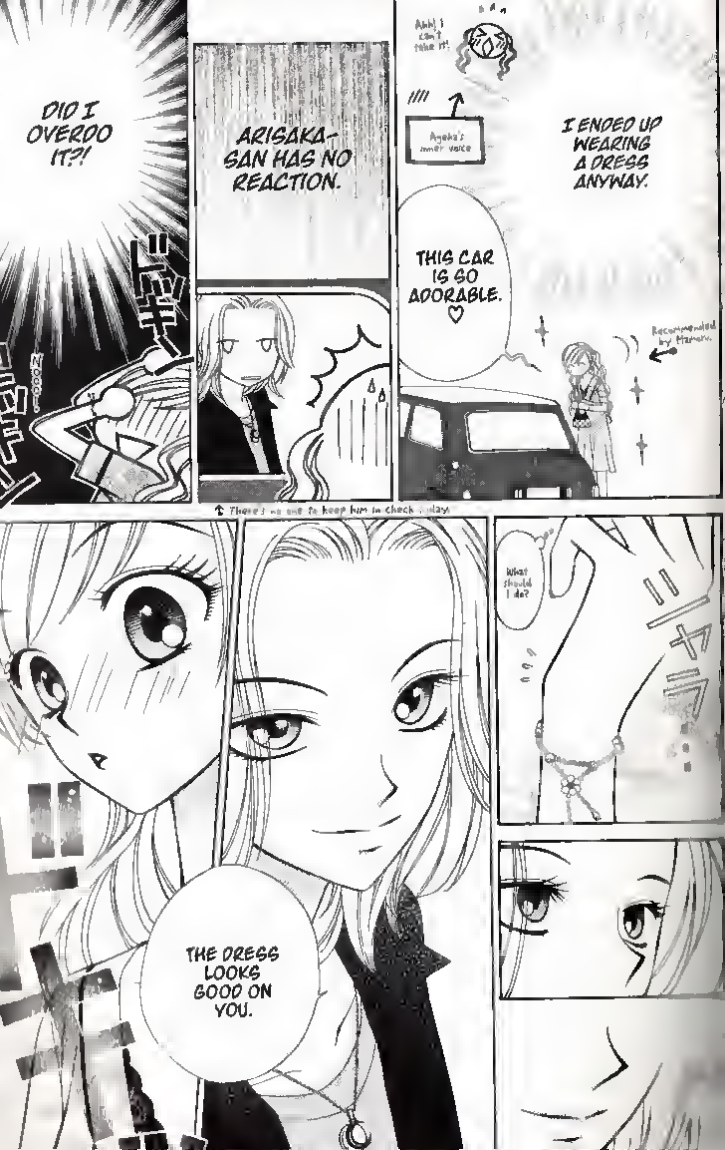
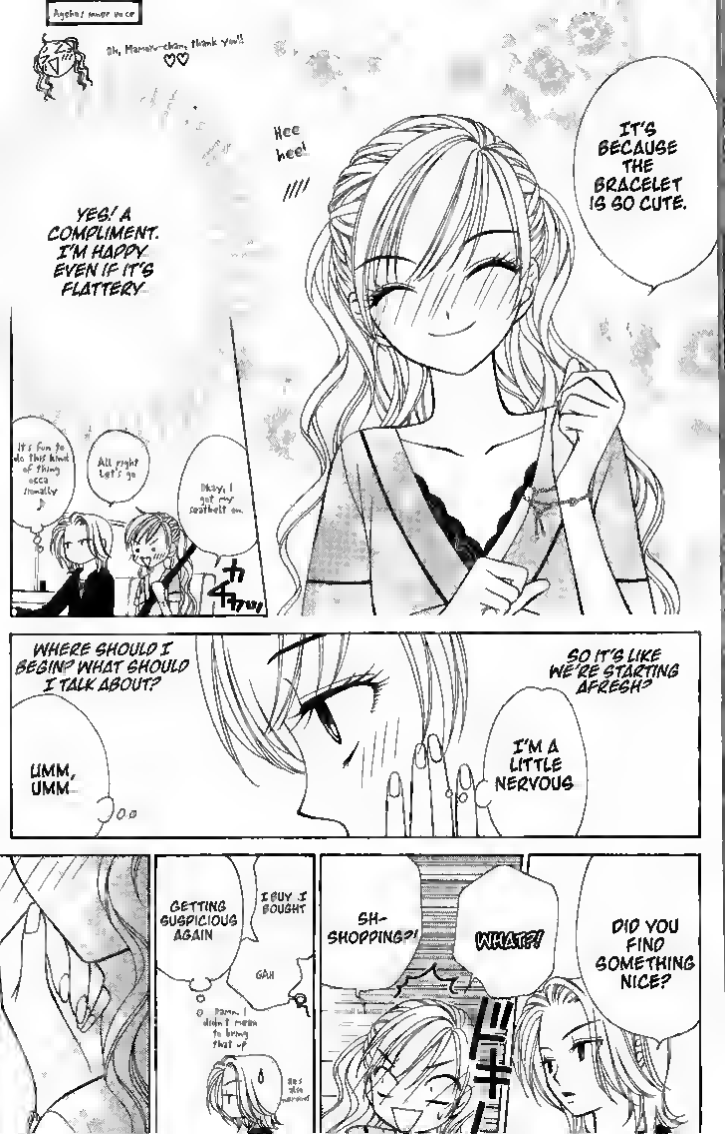
おくおく
NOT ME.
THAT MOUNTAIN IS DANGEROUS.
I feel a level-up coming on!!
YOU'LL BE LOST.
The higher the mountain, the more thrilling.
Please don't. There will be blood.
HMM...
BY THE WAY, WHY ISN'T AGEHA-CHAN HERE?
DOESN'T SHE HAVE A SHIFT?
Self-defense?!
You're in need, Yukari-kun.
People these days
きっぱり
YOU'RE GENUINELY CONCERNED ABOUT WOUNDED LITTLE ME.
IT WOULD ADVERSELY AFFECT ME TOO.

BUT YOU KNOW, THERE'S AN EASY SOLUTION.
HUH?
What are you talking about?
!
THAT'S AN IRREPROACHABLE QUALITY.
And meticulously indeed! She is a true worker
SHE FINISHES HER WORK SO QUICKLY...
WHY DON'T YOU JUST INCREASE HER WORKLOAD?
MONDAY, THE PROMISED DAY...
THAT MITSU SAYS WHATEVER HE FEELS LIKE.

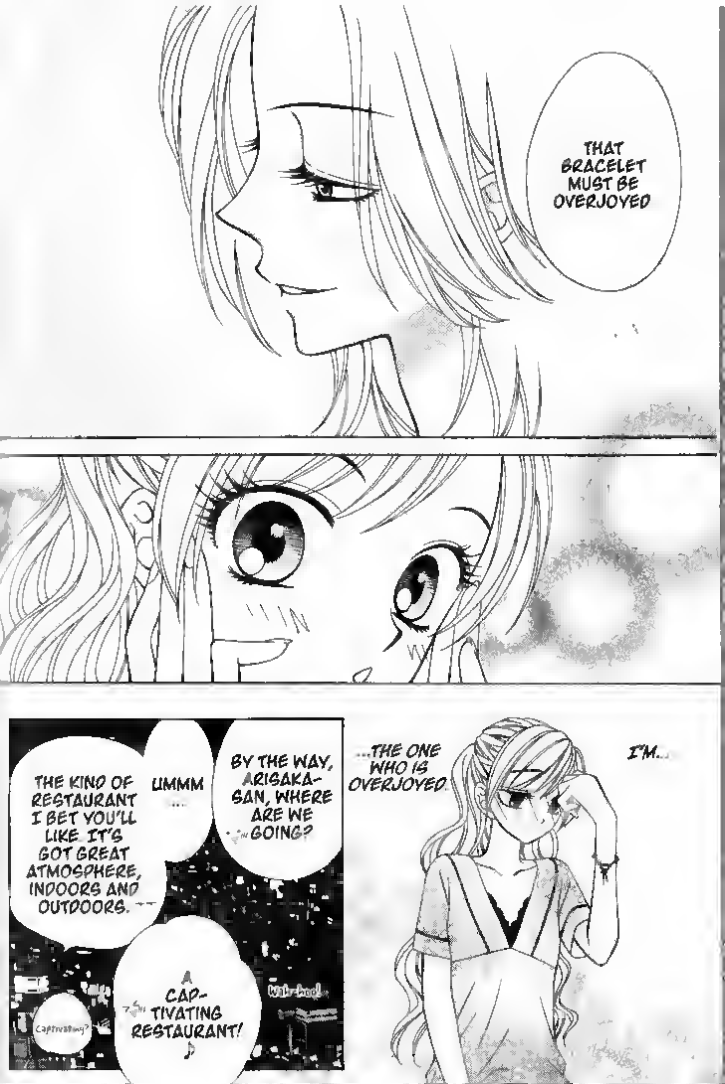
He utilizes anything and everything
I GAVE HER PLENTY TO DO RIGHT FROM THE START, BUT...
USING HER WORK TO HOLD HER BACK...
ABUSING POWER AND IGNORING AGEHA'S WISHES..
That's a burden
A complicated emotion
I DIDN'T HESITATE TO INVOLVE HER IN THE BRIDAL FAIR
Mitsuya-san's reasoning
Isn't that just when you're actually dating?
Yukari-san's reasoning
...you from seeing each other?!
Isn't it better than worst prevent-ing.
HMMM...
I WANT TO ASK HER WHAT SHE THINKS ABOUT IT...
BUT I'M AFRAID TO.
SHE'S DOING AN IMPRESSIVE JOB OF KEEPING UP WITH ME.

He texted me: "I'm heading there right now"
OH, AGEHA'S WAITING OUTSIDE
He's here!
ARISAKA-SAN, YOU MUST BE TIRED FROM WORK! ♪


DID I OVERDO IT?!
ARISAKA-SAN HAS NO REACTION.
Ahh! I can't take it!
Ayaka's inner voice
I ENDED UP WEARING A DRESS ANYWAY.
THIS CAR IS SO ADORABLE. ♡
Recommended by Haruru.
↑ There's no one to keep him in check today!
What should I do?
THE DRESS LOOKS GOOD ON YOU.


Angelic sweet voice
Oh, Manaka-chan, thank you!!
♡♡
Hee hee!
IT'S BECAUSE THE BRACELET IS SO CUTE.
YES! A COMPLIMENT. I'M HAPPY EVEN IF IT'S FLATTERY
It's fun to do this kind of thing occasionally ♪
All right! Let's go
Okay, I put my seatbelt on.
WHERE SHOULD I BEGIN? WHAT SHOULD I TALK ABOUT?
UMM, UMM
SO IT'S LIKE WE'RE STARTING AFRESH?
I'M A LITTLE NERVOUS
GETTING SUSPICIOUS AGAIN
I GUY I BOUGHT
GAH
Damn, I didn't mean to bring that up
Ren Ren narrowed
SH-SHOPPING?!
WHAT?!
DID YOU FIND SOMETHING NICE?

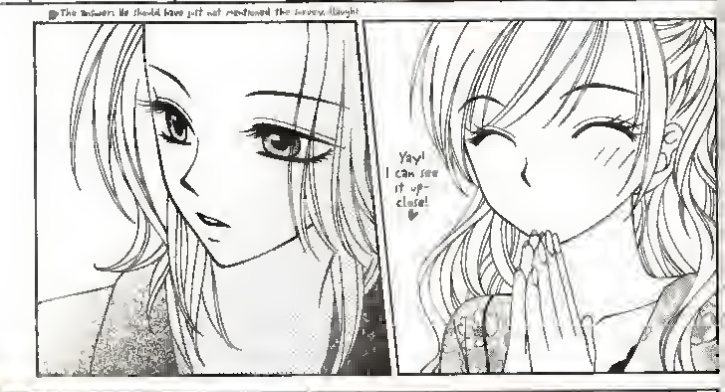
I WENT TO BUY CLOTHES TO MATCH THE BRACELET.
AM I A REPORTING FREAK?!
I'M A REPORTING FREAK!
I ruined the mood.
Ayaka
WAAAH! I CONFESSED.
ARE YOU DIS-APPOINTED IN ME?!
Naomi

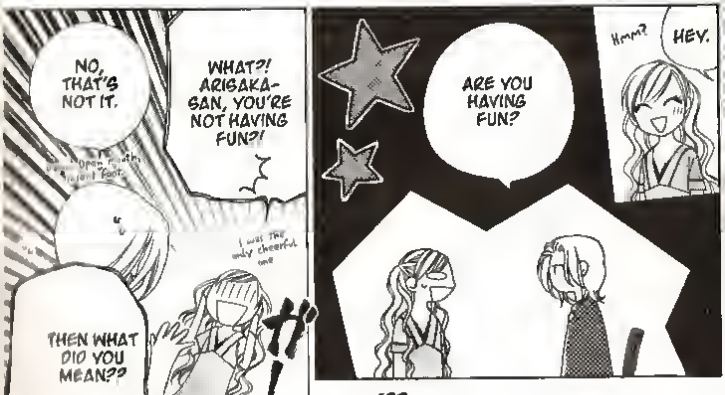

THAT BRACELET MUST BE OVERJOYED
BY THE WAY, ARISAKA-SAN, WHERE ARE WE GOING?
UMMM...
THE KIND OF RESTAURANT I BET YOU'LL LIKE. IT'S GOT GREAT ATMOSPHERE, INDOORS AND OUTDOORS.
A CAP-TIVATING RESTAURANT!
Captivating?
Kishi-kishi
...THE ONE WHO IS OVERJOYED.
I'M...

ACTUALLY, I ALSO WANT TO CHECK IT OUT.
Sparkly!
YOU'RE CHECKING IT OUT, BUT DO YOU MEAN FOR WORK? A RESTAURANT WEDDING?
WE'RE MAKING A CASUAL DRESS FOR THE OCCASION
Yeah
WE'VE GOT A CUSTOMER WHO WANTS TO RENT A PLACE FOR A SMALL WEDDING PARTY WITH JUST FRIENDS.
Tsk Tsk!
IT'S ACTUALLY QUITE REASONABLE
IT LOOKS EXPENSIVE
Or we'd skip it
REALLY!?
Wow, it's so gorgeous

DO YOU HAVE PAPER AND A PEN?
A party at a restaurant!
Aww...
HUH? OH, YEAH.
THERE'S A ROUGH DRAFT OF IT AT THE STORE.
Duh.
OH, THAT SOUNDS FUN.
I WANT TO SEE THE DESIGN.
REALLY? CAN WE STOP BY ON THE WAY BACK?!
I CAN SKETCH IT NOW, IF YOU DON'T MIND IT BEING A LITTLE ROUGH.
We can stop by later too.
I WANNA SEE, I WANNA SEE.
DRAW IT, DRAW IT!
REALLY?!

That's not it either
MAYBE THIS RESTAURANT WAS A MISTAKE.
BUT I REALLY DID WANT TO TAKE HER HERE.
Is it Mitsuya's curse?
No.
AND SO...
...WE ENDED UP TALKING SHOP.


The answer he should have left not mentioned the breast thing!
Yay! I can see it up-close!


NO, THAT'S NOT IT.
WHAT?! ARISAKA-SAN, YOU'RE NOT HAVING FUN?!
I was the only cheerful one
THEN WHAT DID YOU MEAN??
ARE YOU HAVING FUN?
Hmm?
HEY.

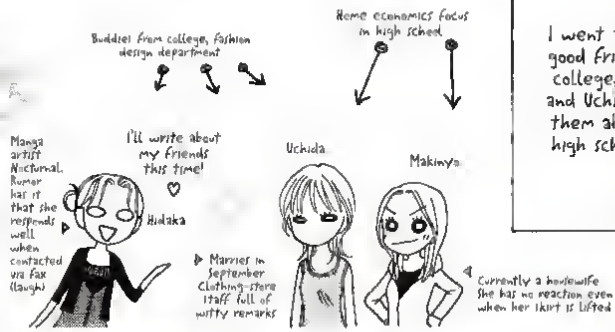
You know I just blushed for the first time?
BESIDES, WHAT DOES HAVING FUN NORMALLY MEAN, ANYWAY?
I GET THE FEELING THAT HANGING OUT WITH MAMORU-CHAN THE WAY I DO IS A LITTLE UNUSUAL TOO
She lets me give myself to her
WHAAT?
BUT I LIKE THIS KIND OF CONVER-SATION
UMMM WELL, I GUESS THE WHOLE STRANGE SITUATION IN GENERAL... I GUESS
Slip of the tongue
ACTUALLY, ARISAKA-SAN...
Y'know?
...YOU'VE GIVEN ME AN AWFUL LOT OF HAPPINESS AND FUN
LIKE THE SIMULATED CEREMONY... THAT WAS AMAZING
Apart from my panic attack

SHE'S A TERRIBLE LIAR.
SHE LIKES REPORTING
THAT'S WHY IT MAKES ME SO HAPPY TO TALK ABOUT THESE THINGS WITH YOU.
AGEHA TURNS ME INSIDE-OUT.
ALWAYS

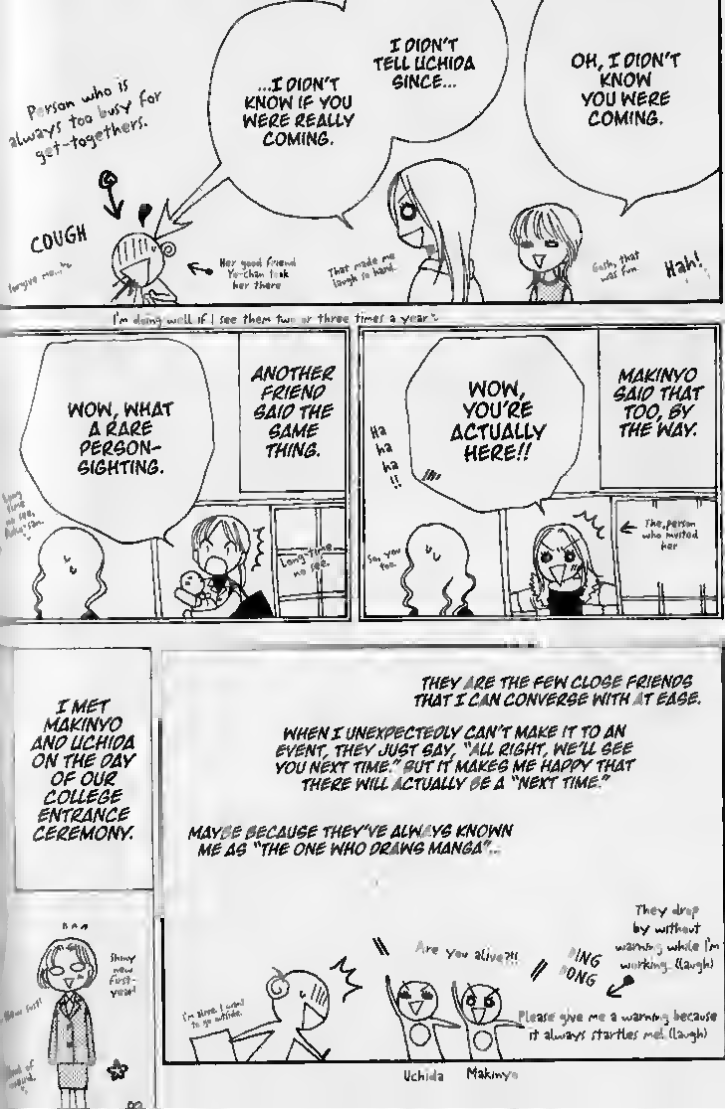
I WONDER...

...IF SHE COULD EVER GROW TO LOVE ME?

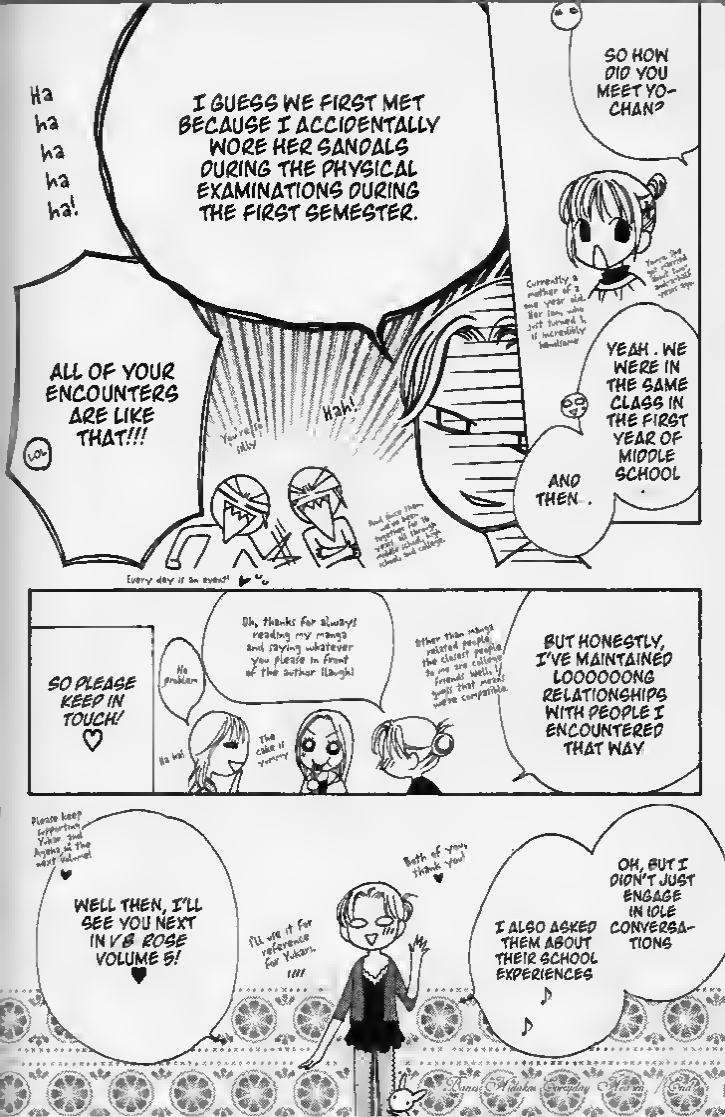
I went to see my good friends from college, Makimyo and Uchida, to ask them about their high school days.


Buddies from college, fashion design department
Home economics focus in high school
Manga artist Nocturnal. Rumor has it that she responds well when contacted via Fax (laugh)
I'll write about my friends this time!
Hidaka
Uchida
Makimyo
Married in September Clothing-store staff full of witty remarks
Currently a housewife She has no reaction even when her skirt is lifted

We haven't talked with just a buddy in a while
Hidaka's real name
WOW, JUNKO IS REALLY HERE THIS IS SO WEIRD HOW LONG HAS IT BEEN SINCE WE TALKED COMFORTABLY LIKE THIS?
REMEMBER HOW THAT LAST TIME WE HAD HOT POT AT UCHIDA'S HOUSE...
UCHIDA SAID THAT RIDICULOUS THING?
HUH?


Person who is always too busy for get-togethers.
COUGH
Forgive me...
...I DIDN'T KNOW IF YOU WERE REALLY COMING.
I DIDN'T TELL UCHIDA SINCE...
Her good friend Yo-chan took her there
That made me laugh so hard
OH, I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE COMING.
Guilty that was him
Hah!
I'm doing well if I see them two or three times a year.
WOW, WHAT A RARE PERSON-SIGHTING.
ANOTHER FRIEND SAID THE SAME THING.
Long time no see.
WOW, YOU'RE ACTUALLY HERE!!
Ha ha ha!!
MAKINYO SAID THAT TOO, BY THE WAY.
The person who invited her
So, you too.
I MET MAKINYO AND UCHIDA ON THE DAY OF OUR COLLEGE ENTRANCE CEREMONY.
Shiny new first-year!
How hot!
Kind of inspired.
THEY ARE THE FEW CLOSE FRIENDS THAT I CAN CONVERSE WITH AT EASE.
WHEN I UNEXPECTEDLY CAN'T MAKE IT TO AN EVENT, THEY JUST SAY, "ALL RIGHT, WE'LL SEE YOU NEXT TIME." BUT IT MAKES ME HAPPY THAT THERE WILL ACTUALLY BE A "NEXT TIME."
MAYBE BECAUSE THEY'VE ALWAYS KNOWN ME AS "THE ONE WHO DRAWS MANGA"...
I'm tired. I want to go inside.
Are you alive?!!
DING DONG
They drop by without warning while I'm working. (laugh)
Please give me a warning because it always startles me! (laugh)
Uchida
Makinyo

I don't remember what everyone else was wearing.
HEY, GIRL ON THE RIGHT, HANG ON!
WHEN I WAS WALKING TO SCHOOL WITH YO-CHAN
Black hair version.
I wonder what the design class will be like.
I'm looking forward to it
Yo chan
Me?
Huh?
THE TACK IS STILL ON THE HEM OF YOUR SKIRT.
Oh, you're right
Enlarged view
キュッ
New clothing has tacks stitched on to keep the seams aligned
Walked like this all the way from home to school.
I SAW YOU INSIDE THE TRAIN
WHILE I WAS WONDERING WHEN SHE'S GOING TO NOTICE, HOW LONG SHE'S GOING TO KEEP IT ON, AND HOW FAR SHE'S GOING TO GO...
WE GOT OFF AT THE SAME STATION, AND WE WALKED TOWARD THE SAME DIRECTION, SO I ASSUMED WE WERE GOING TO THE SAME SCHOOL BUT I WAS SO SURPRISED THAT WE WERE IN THE SAME MAJOR AND EVEN IN THE SAME CLASS.
It's been a full 10 years since that first day we met
Yo
Boo boo me
Thank you for that
Infinitely stupid


Ha ha ha ha ha!
I GUESS WE FIRST MET BECAUSE I ACCIDENTALLY WORE HER SANDALS DURING THE PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS DURING THE FIRST SEMESTER.
ALL OF YOUR ENCOUNTERS ARE LIKE THAT!!!
Hah!
You really did!
And since then... we've been in the same class for 10 years! All the way through junior high, middle school, classes and college.
Every day is an event!
SO HOW DID YOU MEET YO-CHAN?
Currently a mother of a one year old. Her son, who just turned 1, is incredibly handsome
You're the second person who said that!
YEAH. WE WERE IN THE SAME CLASS IN THE FIRST YEAR OF MIDDLE SCHOOL.
AND THEN..
SO PLEASE KEEP IN TOUCH! ♡
No problem
Oh, thanks for always reading my manga and saying whatever you please in front of the author (laugh)
No no
The cake is yummy
Other than mangaka related people, the closest people to me are college friends! Well, I guess that means we're compatible.
BUT HONESTLY, I'VE MAINTAINED LOOOOOONG RELATIONSHIPS WITH PEOPLE I ENCOUNTERED THAT WAY
Please keep supporting Yukari and Ayano at the next Volume!
WELL THEN, I'LL SEE YOU NEXT IN VB ROSE VOLUME 5! ♡
I'll use it for reference for Yukari. !!!!
Both of you, thank you! ♡
I ALSO ASKED THEM ABOUT THEIR SCHOOL EXPERIENCES ♪ ♪
OH, BUT I DIDN'T JUST ENGAGE IN IDLE CONVERSATIONS